PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT ITS

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD IN THE

MASONIC HALL, AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

On the 11th Day of August, A. L., 5868, A. D., 1868.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, OTTAWA, Ontario, GRAND Z.

T. BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, Ontario, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS

At the Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Montreal, on the 11th day of August, A. L., 5868, A. D., 1868.

PRESENT:

M.E.Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. A. Stevenson, P.G.H.	as " H.	
" " "	James Seymour,	" J.	

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
V. " "	W. G. Parmelee, as	" " N.
R. " "	Aug. T. Houel,	" Prin'l Sojourner.
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	" Treasurer.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	" Registrar.
V. " "	Henry Robertson,	" 1st Ass't Sojourner
" "	Thomas Sargant, as	" 2nd " "
" "	W. A. Taylor, as	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Henry J. Pratten,	" Standard "
" " "	M. J. May,	" Dir of Ceremonies
" " "	George EnEarl,	" Organist.
" " "	Stan. H. Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	Peter Begg,	" Stewards.
" " "	William Johnson,	
" "	W. B. Colby, as	
" "	Arthur Sowdon, as	
R. " "	Robert Noxon, as	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles L. Beard,	Wilson District.
" " "	H. W. Delany,	Prince Edw. "
" " "	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	Central "
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal "
" " "	H. L. Robinson,	Eastern Townships.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	P. G. Z.
" " "	John Charles Franck,	P. G. Z.
R. " "	Col. W. J. B. McL. Moore,	P. G H.
" " "	A. A. Stevenson,	P. G. H.
" " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	P. G. H.
" " "	William B. Simpson,	P. G. J.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	P. G. Supt.
" " "	H. A. Sims,	P. G. Scribe N.
V. " "	Thomas F. McMullen,	P. G. S. B.
" " "	Samuel McConkey,	P. G. S. B.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample form, at 12.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed Excellent Companions F. M. Sowdon, Frederick Mudge and Peter Begg, a Committee to examine the Credentials of Representatives of Chapters, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P.Z. and Rep.
" " " Chas. D. Macdonnell, P.Z.
" " " Wm. B. Simpson, P.Z.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris. P.Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

V. E. Comp. Thomas F. McMullen, Z.
M. " " Thompson Wilson, P. Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, P. Z.

No. 7. MOIRA, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P. Z.
M. " " John C. Franck, P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO

E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, Z.
R. " " Aug. T. Houel, P. Z.
" " Samuel McConkey, P. H.

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE, STANSTEAD.

E. Comp. W. B. Colby, P. Z.

No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK, ST. JOHN, N. B.

E. Comp. Edward Willis, P. Z. and Rep.

No. 12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. S. H. Blondheim, H.
V. " " John V. Noel, P. Z.
R. " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 13. STADACONA, QUEBEC.

V. E. Comp. Henry J. Pratten, Z.
R. " " John S. Bowen, P. Z.
V. " " M. J. May, P. Z.

No. 14. PREVOST, DUNHAM.

E. Comp. W. A. Taylor, Z.

No. 17. DORCHESTER, WATERLOO.

V. E. Comp. W. G. Parmelee, Z.
R. " " H. L. Robinson, P. Z.
" " W. A. Taylor, P. Z.

No. 16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.

V. E. Comp. M. J. May, Z.
" " E. P. Remon, H.
" " John J. Gemmel, J.
M. " " T. Douglas Harington, P. Z.
R. " " W. J. B. McL. Moore, P. Z.
" " " H. A. Sims, P. Z.
" " Fred. Marett, P. J.

No. 18. OXFORD, WOODSTOCK.

R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

E. Comp. Lucius S. Oille, Z.
" " Alex. Servos, H.
R. " " James Seymour, P. Z.

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.

E. Comp. Fred. Mudge, H.

No. 21. CARNARVON, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. Isaac H. Stearns, Z.
" " Arthur Sowdon, H.
" " F. M. Sowdon, J.
M. " " John C. Franck, P. Z.
R. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. Z.
V. " " Samuel McConkey, P. H.

No. 22. GRENVILLE, PRESCOTT.

V. E. Comp. George EnEarl, Z.
M. " " T. Douglas Harington, P. Z.

No. 24. TECUMSEH, STRATFORD.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 25. MOUNT HOREB, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Z.
V. " " William Johnson, H.
" " R. Handsley, J.
M. " " T. D. Harington, P. Z.
" " George Nunn, P. Z.

No. 26. ST. MARK'S, TRENTON.

V. E. Comp. Peter Begg, Z.
R. " " H. W. Delany, P. Z.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 27. MANITOU, COLLINGWOOD.

V. E. Comp. H. Robertson, P. Z. and Rep.
" " H. Macpherson, P. Z.

No. 28. PENTALPHA, OSHAWA.

E. Comp. B. Patterson, H.

No. 29. M^cCALLUM, DUNNVILLE.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, (proxy.)

No. 30. HURON, GODERICH.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

U. D. PRINCE EDWARD, PICTON.

E. Comp. Donald Ross, Z.

U. D. WATERLOO, GALT.

R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted leave for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. then commenced reading the minutes of the previous Annual Convocation, when

It was moved by R.E.Comp. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. John S. Bowen, and resolved—

That inasmuch as the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held in

the Masonic Hall, at the City of Ottawa, on the 13th day of August, A. D. 1867, have been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered read and now confirmed.

The M.E. Grand Z. read the following Annual Address to the Companions in Grand Chapter assembled:

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

GREETING:

COMPANIONS:

Passing down the picturesque Ottawa river, once more, God willing, to meet you in friendly Council and Brotherly greeting, I could not help reflecting on the apparently short space of time that has elapsed since we last met in Annual Convocation, within sight and hearing of that noble river, and, combining pleasure with profit, descended the timber slides, and, quietly floating to shore, enjoyed ourselves as Brethren ever should do, in harmony and pleasant concord.

Last year we prayed the Great Architect of the universe "to spare us happy and happily to meet again, and continue His blessings to us." It has been His divine pleasure to listen to that prayer, as far as we are concerned; but some he has called to their rest; and, though it is natural and right to lament their departure and the loss of their familiar faces, yet we should not sorrow as without hope, but look forward to a re-union, and a future happy Companionship that will know no ending.

One of our departed friends, Companion Robert Spence, I feel it to be a duty to make special mention of. Devoted to our Order, he was ever ready to give his time, his talents, and his means towards promoting the prosperity of Freemasonry, and our charitable and benevolent Committees were always sure of his prompt and faithful attention. He was a good citizen, a trusty friend, and his end was peace. His memory will long remain fresh and green in the annals of Canadian Freemasonry.

With regard to the *general business* of our Order, I can but repeat at this, our "*Eleventh Convocation*," my declaration of last year,—that my work has been easy, and my labor light. I know of, and have experienced no material drawback to the peace, harmony, and good fellowship that should always pre-eminently prevail in Masonic assemblies, and amongst the members of our antient and honorable Institution. Small differences have arisen. We would not be mortal if they did not. But I have heard of nothing during the last twelvemonths, that friendly meditation and gentle authority has not been easily able to heal and set right.

I have had the pleasure of granting *Dispensations* in favor of three *new Chapters*, all which, I trust, you will find to be so recommended by the District Grand Superintendents as to warrant your confirmation by regular Charters. They are as follows, viz :

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER,.....*Picton.*
WATERLOO CHAPTER,.....*Galt.*
and
NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER,.....*St. John, N.B.*

As regards this last I shall presently more fully allude to it.

The Companions of the "*Bedford District*" Chapter petitioned for authority to resuscitate it, under the name of "*Prevost*," which I granted ; and as, owing to unhappy circumstances, that can be explained to you, their original Charter was lost, I directed a new one to be prepared, and found it necessary and equitable to remit all arrears of dues, except a sum due on account of the missing Warrant, and also the fee on the new Warrant of Confirmation, and, of course, for all Grand Chapter certificates.

We have now some *thirty Chapters* on our Register—and I anticipate that each Grand Superintendent is prepared to report on their working condition and general usefulness, as well as on the progress of our Order in his particular District. These reports are of considerable importance, and the Grand Superintendents should bear this in mind ; for it is upon them that the Grand Chapter must rely for such authentic details and

statistics as will enable the Parent Body to estimate and understand the value of her Subordinates in fulfilling their parts of the general Masonic compact and obligations.

The *Grand Treasurer's* accounts, and the books of your very faithful and invaluable *Grand Scribe E.* will afford you all financial details, and to them I have great pleasure in referring you. I am happy to say that the condition of your funds has enabled me to compensate Companion Harris for his services, so far as money is concerned, by carrying out the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance of last year, as adopted by Grand Chapter.

The *Proceedings* of the various *Grand Chapters* have been received by your Grand Scribe E., who has, with my concurrence, handed them to Companion Robertson to report thereon, and I have no doubt but you will derive satisfaction. I have to thank him for undertaking this great labor. R.W.Companion Seymour, whose able abstracts have so often appeared attached to your own Proceedings, felt compelled, owing to the state of his health, I am sorry to say, to resign his post of Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The thanks of Grand Chapter are his well-earned due, and so I have taken on myself to assure him.

All the Grand Bodies evince a most kindly feeling towards us, and their Proceedings show a degree of prosperity on their own parts that is much to be rejoiced at, and is a subject of and for sincere congratulation.

I am sorry to state that the *Grand Chapter* of *England* has sustained a sad loss by the sudden death, on the 15th ult., of Companion William Gray Clarke, her able and energetic Grand Scribe E. His obituary notice appears in the public prints; and I would suggest to Grand Chapter to send home a message of condolence. Companion Clarke had made himself known and appreciated on this continent, by his quick attention to business and his ready courtesy in correspondence, and his decease is to be sincerely lamented.

Last year I brought under your notice the probable effect of Confederation on Capitular Masonry in and throughout the

"*Dominion*," and Grand Chapter was pleased to concur in what was then my opinion, and sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to carry out certain preliminaries, and report at this present Convocation. Events have, however, since occurred, of such a nature as to render such Committee of no particular benefit, and I have, therefore, abstained from so doing. *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* have now their respective independent "*Grand Lodge*" fully organized and recognized. The Grand Lodge of Canada has representatives from and near to both. I can no longer, consequently, think that in spirit, those two portions of the Dominion are "*Unoccupied Masonic Territory*." There can be no doubt that independent "*Grand Chapters*" may be at once established in each, by the Companions residing and working therein. Under these circumstances I did not think it right to fritter away the valuable time of Companions by naming them a Committee having no power of action.

Being, nevertheless, impressed with the importance of constituting, if possible, one "*General Grand Chapter*" for the Dominion, and believing that, considering the not very numerous Subordinate Chapters, a general Union would give far more weight, influence and stability to the Royal Art than separate governing Bodies, I requested the Grand Scribe E. to issue a circular, inviting our Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Companions to meet us, if in their power, at this Convocation, and in all good fellowship, consider the matter, and arrive at some conclusion. From Nova Scotia I have not a word, and, looking at the dislike of that Province to the Act of Confederation, I did not much expect any action. From New Brunswick communications have been received, and the Companions there have not been inactive. The Grand Scribe E. has the papers connected with this interesting movement.

In the meantime the "*New Brunswick*" Royal Arch Chapter, held at *St. John*, made regular application for a *Warrant* of *Affiliation* with this Grand Chapter—and, under the peculiar circumstances, I felt justified in anticipating what I am sure will be your action, and directing the preparation of a Warrant, and also the registration of the names of the Companion Members free of fees. "*New Brunswick*" Chapter hailed from

Ireland, and by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Ireland it was attached to an Irish Lodge. Now the Lodge that gave vitality, joined the Independent Grand Lodge, and in this predicament "*New Brunswick*" resolved to affiliate with us; and in meeting their expressed wishes I have tried, and hope I have succeeded in causing our Companions to feel "*at home.*" The Chapter nominated Companion Robert Marshall for the office of Grand Superintendent, and I conferred on him the necessary power till the regular election.

And so the problem of Union or not, stands at this time.

For somewhat the same reasons as regarded the other Committee, I have not nominated a special one on *Work and Ceremonies,* thinking it better to allow the matter to stand over until the Maritime Provinces have determined on their course. They have doubtless become attached to their own work, and will naturally have something to say on so delicate a subject.

I do not think of any other subject necessary to be brought especially before you. There is a notice of motion for this Convocation, of a *change* in the *time* of our *assembling*, viz: To the Monday preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July. But as Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Executive Committee, to wit: That it would not be convenient to meet at the same time as Grand Lodge—I apprehend the motion will not be pressed. In that same report it was declared highly desirable to name some "*Central place,*" where the Grand Chapter meetings shall always be held from year to year, and this may well be arranged, taking into view the comfort and convenience of our distant Companions from the Maritime Provinces.

In conclusion, Companions, I will briefly call your attention to the fact that, amid all the general prosperity and freedom of our common country, murder and rapine have again presumed to threaten their presence, under the guise of Fenianism, and redressing the wrongs of Ireland. One of our most eloquent citizens and foremost statesmen, a genial, warm-hearted type of a true son of the "*Emerald Isle,*" has fallen a victim to assassination—while, in another part of the British Empire, the

life of a son of our beloved Queen—a young, engaging, manly, frank specimen of a sailor, who could not yet have made a personal enemy—has been endangered through the same cowardly crime. Thank God! the latter is spared to his Queen and country.

Again, therefore, I urge on you, as I did on a former occasion, my Companions, be ready—ever ready and willing to offer your services to repel the attacks of all such rank invaders, and, (as it has been well said) "*stamp them out!*" The second of our *antient charges* should be replete with interest to every member of our Order, and he can never find a better guide to what is his strict duty as a citizen and loyal subject. And so I say—and you will echo my words—God save our good and gracious Queen! and may He bless our country, prosper our Institution, and increase its means of doing good and dispensing aid wherever and whenever there is distress, and continue His goodness to us, and to all men! SO MOTE IT BE!

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Z.

MONTREAL, August, 1868.

It was moved by R.E.Comp. John S. Bowen, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. G. Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, and to report thereon at the earliest possible hour.

The following reports from the Grand Superintendents for the various Masonic Districts were read:

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council, Officers and Members, of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I have the honor to again present my Annual Report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District.

I am happy to be able to report that there is a continuation of that prosperity which existed last year.

There has been a new Chapter opened in this District, called the "Waterloo" Chapter, and held at Galt. Although I am personally acquainted with only one or two of its members, yet from the communications received from S. E. and others, I feel assured that the warrant, when granted, will be in trustworthy hands. I have visited Huron Chapter several times, and Wawanosh Chapter once. Both are in a flourishing condition; and as likewise are St. George's and Tecumseh.

St. George's Chapter I have not visited, but I have seen several of its officers, from whom I have received gratifying information concerning its prosperity.

Notwithstanding that the Committee on Reports have been unable to endorse the recommendations contained in my last Annual report, to hold Grand Chapter at the same time as Grand Lodge, I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without repeating the suggestion.

Although, as the Committee states, the proceedings of Grand Lodge are generally made to extend over the available days of the week in which the meetings of Grand Lodge are held, yet it is obvious to all who have been in the habit of being present at these meetings, that time is lost which, if utilized, might profitably be turned to account in conducting the business of Grand Chapter, for which purpose only a few hours are usually required, and thus the convenience would be served of those who desire to attend both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, of whom many, under present circumstances, are unable to devote the necessary time to do so.

I thank the Companions of the *London District* for the courtesies extended to me in the past, and trusting that they will now relieve me from the duties of the office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES KAHN,
Grand Supt., London District.

STRATFORD, August 4th, 1868, A. I., 2398.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled:

As required by the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit the following brief report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District.

There are three Chapters in the District, viz: Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, presided over by myself; Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, presided over by, V.E.Comp. J. W. Lethbridge; and Ezra Chapter, No. 23, presided over by V. E. Comp. J. Clarke. I have much pleasure in being able to state that the two first named Chapters are both working well and prosperously. Six Companions have been exalted in the Oxford Chapter during the past year, the number of members being forty-one.

Six Companions have been exalted in "Mount Horeb" Chapter during the past six months, and the number of members is twenty-nine.

I regret that ill health has prevented me from visiting "Ezra" Chapter, but from information I have received from V.E. Comp. J. Clarke, 1st Principal, I am enabled to report that that Chapter is also in a prosperous condition.

No complaints have been laid before me from either of the Chapters, and nothing has transpired during the year to disturb the harmony and brotherly feeling existing among the members.

The returns to Grand Chapter have been regularly made, and the minute books and accounts of the respective Chapters properly and neatly kept as far as I have been in a position to inspect them.

It affords me much gratification in being able to speak thus favorably of the prosperity and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. BEARD,

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 1st, 1868. *Grand Supt., W. D.*

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the M. Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent of this District is about expiring, it becomes my duty, in accordance with the Constitution, to present a Report of the condition of R. A. Masonry under my superintendence. From the limited number of Chapters in this District (being only four), my duties have been very slight, particularly as there have been no causes of complaint, but, on the contrary, harmony and brotherly love prevail.

In April last I visited McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, and found, although recently established, the paraphernalia of fittings very complete, and every indication of a successful Chapter. The Officers having had but little chance to visit the *older* Chapters, and seeing the work properly done, had consequently made but little *progress ;* still, from their active and energetic character, and the zeal which seems to actuate them, I am convinced that by the time my successor visits them they will be in proper working condition.

On the 1st May I visited Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catherines, and, as usual with our St. Catherines Companions, all is as it should be, in first-class order.

Being a constant visitor at the two Chapters in Hamilton, viz : "The Hiram, No. 2," and "St. John's, No. 6," I have much pleasure in reporting that they are prospering in the highest degree. Being presided over by able and active Officers, thorough harmony existing between them, large additions of the best material are being constantly made.

Generally, the Royal Craft was never in a more satisfactory condition in this District than it is at present.

I find, however, a diversity of work, and no regular authorized standard for the Chapters to follow, and I would respectfully suggest that the Grand Chapter take steps, at this

Convocation, to have the work (at least the H. R. H. Degree,) exemplified at the next annual Convocation.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. W. MURTON,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District.

HAMILTON, 22nd July, 1868.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada:

At the close of my official year, as Superintendent of the Toronto District, I am called upon to report to you the state of Capitular Masonry within the said District. In so doing, I would state that I have officially visited the Chapters under my jurisdiction on several occasions, and found the working of them highly satisfactory.

At their annual meeting last January, I officially visited King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, accompanied by V. E. Comps. Henry Robertson, Henry Macpherson, and Daniel Spry, and installed their Officers as follows: E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, as Z.; R. E. Comp. Aug. T. Houel, as immediate Past Z.; E. Comp. David McClellan, as H.; and E. Comp. Chas. G. Fortier, as J.; This Chapter is progressing in a highly satisfactory manner, and bids fair to take a high rank among the Chapters of your jurisdiction.

In February last, assisted by V. E. Comps. Henry Robertson and Henry McPherson, I installed, as follows, the Officers of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, viz: E. Comp. John Nettleton, as Z.; E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, as immediate Past Z.; V. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, as H.; and E. Comp. E. R. Carpenter, as J. This Chapter is in a most flourishing condition, progressing in a slow but most healthy manner, and has a membership that in every way is creditable to our ancient Craft. They now number some forty members, and financially are in a prosperous state.

Early last March, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Aug. T. Houel and E. Comp. W. McCabe, I visited Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, and installed the following Officers: E. Comp. S. B. Fairbanks, as Z.; E. Comp. W. McCabe, as immediate Past Z.; E. Comp. Bradford Patterson, as H.; and E. Comp. J. Kellar, as J. This Chapter, though but little over a year in existence, numbers nearly fifty members, and is in every way in a prosperous condition.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4, the only other Chapter within my jurisdiction, is still without signs of vitality. I have, for the past two years, called the attention of Grand Chapter to the ill effects which such a state of things entails on the Chapters of this District, more especially with respect to King Solomon's located in the city of Toronto. I had hoped that the action taken by Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation would have had the effect of urging the members of St. Andrew's to a successful effort for its revival, but those hopes were not fulfilled, and I deem it but justice that Grand Chapter should take some decisive action at its present meeting.

Harmony and brotherly feeling characterize the Chapters of this District. A rivalry as to which shall do the most for the interest of the Craft is their constant aim, and gives promise of a long career of prosperity and usefulness.

While returning thanks to the Most High for the manifold blessings vouchsafed us all, we still must mourn the loss of some of our oldest Companions. During the past year, it has pleased Him to call to the celestial Lodge our V. E. Comp. Stedman B. Campbell, P. Z., and E. Comp. Arthur D. Lamb, P. J., and Comp. Robert Spence, of King Solomon's Chapter; and E. Comp. Edward Allen Walker, of Manitou Chapter.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAMS,
Grand Supt., T. D.

TORONTO, Aug. 1st, 1868.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

In complying with the constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty to report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry under my superintendence, during the past year.

In December last application was made by the R. A. Masons of the Town of Picton for a Dispensation to organize a Chapter at that place, and, the M. E. Grand Z. having been pleased to grant the same, I proceeded at once, assisted by E. Companions Day and Begg, and a number of other Companions, and instituted Prince Edward Chapter, and installed the following principal officers, viz: E. Comp. Donald Ross, Z.; E. Comp. David Lennox, H.; E. Comp. David Denoon, J., and have had the pleasure of visiting Prince Edward Chapter twice since said installation, and find that it bids fair to rank among the best in the District. I therefore recommend that a warrant of confirmation be granted to this Chapter.

There are two other Chapters in the District under my superintendence, viz. Moira Chapter, No. 7, held in Belleville, and St. Mark's No. 26, held in Trenton, both of which I have visited several times, and find them very ably presided over, and apparently in a very prosperous and flourishing condition.

During the past year nothing has occurred between the Companions of this District to call for official interference on my part, for which I congratulate them.

I have to acknowledge various acts of kindness extended to me from the Companions of all these Chapters during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. DELANY,
Grand Supt., P. E. D.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled :

As Grand Superintendent for the Central District, I beg to present the following brief report on the condition of the Royal Arch Chapters within my jurisdiction :

The Central District, although, geographically large, has but four Chapters—the "Ancient Frontenac," No. 1, and the "Cataraqui," No. 12, both meeting at Kingston ; the "Carleton," No. 16, at Ottawa ; and the "Grenville," No. 22, at Prescott.

Of these I have officially visited all but the last. I intimated to the Z. and acting Scribe E. my intention to visit them on the evening of one of their regular and stated meetings, but was requested to postpone my inspection until a "more convenient season," of which I was promised due notice. I regret to say that, as usual in such cases, that convenient season has not yet arrived. From what I have heard, it appears that this Chapter is not in a very flourishing condition, owing, in a great measure, I am led to believe, to the distance from the place of meeting at which many of the principal Officers and Companions reside.

The other Chapters are working well, and—except in one or two instances, in what are called the Intermediate Degrees—according to the Ritual.

I may here mention, as an example worthy of imitation, that the Chapters in the Central District have united in purchasing a complete set of Grand Superintendent's Regalia, consisting of apron, sash, collar and jewel, for the use of incumbents of that office.

As nothing of general interest to R. A. Masonry has occurred in the Central District during the past year, this report must necessarily be brief. I cannot however, close it without expressing to the Officers and members of the Chapters I have visited, my thanks for the kind, considerate, and truly Masonic manner in which I was received, and I feel assured that where

such harmony prevails, the true principles of Masonry are best understood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. S. KIRKPATRICK,
G. Supt., Central District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

In accordance with the Constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter, I again have the honor to submit my Report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Montreal.

The two Chapters comprised in the District, namely, the Carnarvon, No. 21, and the Mount Horeb, No. 25, continue in good working order. Probably more work has been done in both Chapters during the past year than in any year previous. It is also a source of pleasure to add that those who have been admitted within our portals have been well tried, and found to be such as we are authorized to receive.

Whilst it affords me great pleasure in reporting that both Chapters are in good working order, and in a prosperous condition, I cannot help expressing my regret that there does not exist the same interest in the working of a R. A. Chapter as we find in a Blue Lodge. Although the Carnarvon Chapter numbers over fifty, and the Mount Horeb over forty members, it is sometimes difficult to obtain the requisite number of Companions to open the Chapter, and at the best of times the attendance is small, considering the number of names contained on the Chapter Roll; consequently the working constantly devolves on a few zealous members, whose ardour and faithfulness to the Order cannot be too much appreciated.

It is my painful duty to report the death of Companion Edward D. Thompson, a member of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25. The melancholy event happened on the 22nd of March last, whilst he was voluntarily assisting to extinguish a fire

which occurred on that evening in St. Paul street of this city. An explosion took place while he was inside of the building, and he was instantly killed. An only son of aged parents, may the great Father of all comfort them in their sad bereavement. His funeral was attended by a large number of Masons. The Principals and Members of Carnarvon and Mount Horeb Chapters (by my permission) attended in Royal Arch Regalia and Masonic mourning.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MILTON,
Grand Superintendent, Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 11th August, 1868.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I have again the pleasure of submitting a report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district. Little, however, has transpired during the past year affecting it, and my report must necessarily be brief.

The number of Chapters under my jurisdiction is three—the same as last year.

I very much regret having been unable to visit "Golden Rule," at Stanstead.

I learn that a Dispensation will soon be asked for its removal to Sherbrooke. It will then be in the vicinity of several prosperous Lodges, and will be worked according to our own Ritual (that of the United States having heretofore been practised), and I am confident that my successor will be able to report a marked improvement in its prosperity.

"Bedford District" Chapter, which had held no Convocation for about eight years, has resumed its work under competent officers, and a dispensation has been granted by the M. E. Grand Z.. changing its name to "Prevost"—the same as the Lodge with which it is connected. If continued under proper

management it will, in a few years, be second to none in the District, in the number of its members.

"Dorchester" Chapter, at Waterloo, progresses slowly but steadily. "Prevost" will lessen its jurisdiction, but there is work enough for both.

I regret to report the death of R. E. Companion E. Gustin, which took place at Stanstead on the 30th day of March last. He was, I believe, the oldest Mason in the Eastern Townships—was the first Grand Superintendent in the District, and for many years first Principal of Golden Rule Chapter. He was buried with Masonic honors, on the 2nd day of April. I may safely say that he had done more for the cause of Masonry than any other man in the district; and I trust that the Grand Chapter will, at its next Convocation, acknowledge his services by a letter of condolence to his afflicted widow.

The whole respectfully submitted.

H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Supt., E. T. D.

WATERLOO, QUEBEC, 24th July, 1868.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada:

Your Dispensation for New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, formerly working under Warrant No. 301, from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, together with other papers, came to hand during the latter part of June; and I have now much pleasure in reporting that, at the regular Convocation of said Chapter, held in the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in this city—First Principal Z. John D. Short in the Chair—the action relative to change of jurisdiction was unanimously confirmed, and the Dispensation above referred to was read and ordered to be received and spread upon the minutes. The Chapter being then opened in due and antient form, under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, proceeded with the general business. Three candidates were

severally "received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters," and then duly "exalted to the Royal Arch Degree." I may also report that our esteemed Right Excellent Companion, Thomas Bird Harris was elected "Proxy Representative" for New Brunswick Chapter at our Grand Chapter.

There are at present in New Brunswick the following Royal Arch Chapters, holding under authority from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, viz :

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47; Convocations held in Masonic Hall, St. John.

Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77; Convocations held in Masonic Hall, city of Fredericton.

Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 84; Convocations held in Masonic Hall, Carleton, St. John.

Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 85, Masonic Hall, Hampton, Kings County. This Chapter has been almost dormant for some time past; there are, however, strong indications of early resuscitation.

Mount Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 101; Convocations held in Masonic Hall, Chatham.

In addition to the above, a number of zealous Royal Arch Masons of St. Stephens, Charlotte County, have applied to Scotland for authority to open a Chapter in that Town; and some slight progress has been made in one or two other parts of the Province, towards the organization of Royal Arch Chapters.

The recent Confederation of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has, as you may be aware, directed the consideration of a vast majority of Royal Arch Masons throughout these Provinces to the present position and future government of Capitular Masonry throughout the Dominion of Canada. While it is freely conceded that the Parent Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland have, in years gone by, when their support was actually required, severally done much to aid and assist Chapters, respectively, working under their authority, as well as to advance the true interests of our time-honored Institution in this country, yet it

is deemed self-evident that the time is rapidly approaching, if it has not already arrived, when our general requirements will demand that "Masonry," throughout the whole Dominion of Canada shall be governed and controlled within our own territory. It is not too much, therefore, to suppose that the true Masonic spirit which underlies our Institution, as well in Great Britain and Ireland as in this Dominion, will speedily develope a policy which may peacefully bring about so desirable a consummation.

In reference to the diversified systems of "*Work*" practised, as well in the British North American Privinces as throughout the whole Continent of America, it would seem desirable and expedient that delegates be appointed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, to meet in Convention at *some central point*, with delegates from other Grand Chapters, to the end that a more uniform system of Work and Ritual may be adopted, and that all other matters bearing upon our common interests may be considered, so that our whole system of Royal Arch Masonry may eventually be harmonized agreeable to the most Antient standard.

In view of the rapid progress of Capitular Masonry, some Chapters are now taking steps to render it imperative that candidates shall be required to exhibit specimens of their skill in the "Art" before being advanced. This appears to be a move in the right direction, and one that will materially aid the Craft. I would therefore respectfully suggest that Grand Chapter consider whether or not it is desirable to require that subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction SHALL NOT CONFER either the Degrees of "*Mark Master*," "*Past Master*," "*Most Excellent Master*," or "*Royal Arch*," until the Brother taking the Degree shall have passed a satisfactory examination in each of the preceding Degrees conferred in either Blue Lodge, or under authority of a Royal Arch Chapter warrant.

Most respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MARSHALL,
G. S. for New Brunswick.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SUPT. OF CANADIAN ROYAL ARCH MASONRY FOR THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
ST. JOHN, 22nd July, 1868.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Isaac H. Stearns, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents just read be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

The M. E. Grand Z. informed Grand Chapter that the members of Carnarvon and Mount Horeb Chapters, of the City of Montreal, had extended to the Grand Officers and representatives from Chapters in attendance at the present Convocation, an invitation to be present at a Banquet, on this, Tuesday evening, at the "Terrapin," and he presumed it would meet their wishes if he accepted the invite on their behalf.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment for the space of one hour.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 4.30 o,clock P. M.

M.E.Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. A. Stevenson, as	" H.	
" " "	James Seymour,	" J.	

On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted his annual statements, with Books, &c., &c., as also those of the Grand Treasurer, for the past year, which were read, and, on motion, received and referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Dr. THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E., *in account with Grand Chapter, for the year ending 1st August*, 1868. *Cr.*

1868.	$ c.
No. 1—Ancient Frontenac, Kingston	37 00
" 2—The Hiram, Hamilton	23 20
" 4—St. Andrew's, Toronto	
" 5—St. George's, London	68 10
" 6 - St. John's, Hamilton	35 20
" 7—Moira, Belleville	83 80
" 8—King Solomon's, Toronto	50 10
" 9—Golden Rule, Stanstead	70 00
" 12—Cataraqui, Kingston	17 60
" 13—Stadacona, Quebec	36 00
" 14—Prevost, Dunham	20 00
" 15—Wawanosh, Sarnia	
" 16—Carleton, Ottawa	37 80
" 17—Dorchester, Waterloo	44 10
" 18—Oxford, Woodstock	14 00
" 19—Mount Moriah, St. Catharines	42 20
" 20—Mount Horeb, Brantford	43 90
" 21—Carnarvon, Montreal	75 50
" 22—Grenville, Prescott	59 10
" 23—Ezra, Simcoe	35 73
" 24—Tecumseh, Stratford	35 80
" 25—Mount Horeb, Montreal	55 80
" 26—St. Mark's, Trenton	48 00
" 27—Manitou, Collingwood	42 20
" 28—Pentalpha, Oshawa	
" 29—McCallum, Dunnville	
" 30—Huron, Goderich	
U. D.—Prince Edward, Picton	40 00
" —Waterloo, Galt	40 00
	$1055 13

1868.	$ c.
April 4—By Grand Treasurer	240 70
" 25— " " "	550 00
July 31— " " "	208 33
Aug. 3— " " "	56 10
	$1055 13

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1868.

No.	NAME.	PLACE.	LAST RETURN.		1867	1868	Dr.		Cr.	
							$	cts.	$	cts.
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston	31st January	..	..	1868	60	00		
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	" "	..	..	1868	10	00		
4	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" "	1863	..	..	25	40		
5	St. George's	London	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
6	St. John's	Hamilton	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
7	Moira	Belleville	" "	..	1867	..	4	00		
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	" "	..	..	1868	2	00		
9	Golden Rule	Stanstead	" "	..	1867	..	30	80		
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
13	Stadacona	Quebec	" "	..	..	1868	7	20		
14	Prevost	Dunham		..	..	1868	00	00		
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	" "	..	1867	..	00	00		
16	Carleton	Ottawa	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
17	Dorchester	Waterloo	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
18	Oxford	Woodstock	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	1st July	..	..	1868	00	00	3	80
21	Carnarvon	Montreal	31st January	..	..	1868	00	00		
22	Grenville	Prescott	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
23	Ezra	Simcoe	1st July	..	1867	..	00	00		
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	31st January	..	..	1868	00	00		
25	Mount Horeb	Montreal	" "	..	..	1868	00	00	16	00
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	" "	..	..	1868	00	00	00	60
27	Manitou	Collingwood	" "	..	..	1868	00	00		
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa		..	1867	..	10	00		
29	McCallum	Dunnville		..	1867	..	10	00		
30	Huron	Goderich		..	1867	..	10	00		
	Prince Edward	Picton								
	Waterloo	Galt								
							$109	40	$20	40

TABULAR STATEMENT, extracted from the Returns of Chapters for the year 1868.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE.	Number of Registrations.	Number of Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Number of Members.	Amount of Fees. $	c.
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston	5	..	4	5	..	43	37	00
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	7	..	8	12	..	41	23	20
*4	St. Andrew's	Toronto	..	..	..	..	..	..	00	00
5	St. George's	London	15	1	3	..	..	54	68	10
6	St. John's	Hamilton	6	..	..	..	..	86	35	20
7	Moira	Belleville	15	..	..	..	3	74	83	80
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	10	3	..	..	1	58	50	10
9	Golden Rule	Stanstead	19	..	1	..	..	55	70	00
†10	New Brunswick	St. John, N. B.	..	..	..	..	..	103	00	00
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	1	..	..	..	..	23	17	60
13	Stadacona	Quebec	8	1	..	..	..	57	36	00
‡14	Prevost	Dunham	..	..	..	..	..	12	20	00
§15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	..	..	..	..	.	25	00	00
16	Carleton	Ottawa	8	..	3	4	..	57	37	80
17	Dorchester	Waterloo	11	1	1	..	..	49	44	10
18	Oxford	Woodstock	4	..	3	..	1	43	14	00
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	6	..	5	..	..	71	42	20
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	6	1	..	..	..	28	43	90
21	Carnarvon	Montreal	12	1	1	..		48	75	50
22	Grenville	Prescott	5	2	1	2	..	33	59	10
23	Ezra	Simcoe	..	..	..	..	..	23	35	73
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	7	..	6	2	..	54	35	80
25	Mount Horeb	Montreal	15	4	5	1	1	44	55	80
36	St. Mark's	Trenton	7	..	..	..	..	27	48	00
27	Manitou	Collingwood	13	..	5	..	..	34	42	20
§28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	..	..	..	..	..	10	00	00
29	McCallum	Dunnville	6	..	..	..	..	16	00	00
30	Huron	Goderich	9	..	..	..	..	21	00	00
31	Prince Edward	Picton	..	.	..	..	..	10	40	00
32	Waterloo	Galt	..	..	..	..	..	10	40	00

*Not working. †Affiliated June, 1868. ‡Reorganized.
§Returns January, 1867.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll	30
" " represented in Grand Chapter	25
" Registrations reported	195
" Joinings "	14
" Withdrawals "	46
" Suspensions "	26
" Deaths "	6
" Members on the Roll	1206
Receipts for the year	$1055 13.

Dr. I. H. STEARNS, GRAND TREASURER, in account with GRAND CHAPTER. Cr.

1867.			
August	To balance from late Treasurer.....		$784 77
1868.			
April 16.	To Cash rec'd from Grand Scribe E.....		240 70
" 28.	" do do		550 00
Aug 4.	" do do		208 33
" 6.	" do do		56 10
" "	" do received from Eastern Townships Bank as interest on deposit..		5 50
			$1845 40

1867.			
Aug. 20.	By Cash paid Grand Scribe E. for incidental expenses...	$ 26 83	
"	" one year's salary to August 1st, 1867.....	300 00	
"	Account of Arrearages....	200 00	$526 83
"	Cash paid W. C. Chewitt, as per account		65 00
"	do John Ellis "		60 00
1868.			
April 16.	By Cash paid T. & R. White as per acct.		84 20
" " "	do. Engrossing Warrants as per order.....		6 50
" 28.	" do. Grand Scribe E., for arrears of salary due, as per order.....		550 00
Aug. 10.	" Balance.....		552 87
			$1845 40

1868.
August 10. To Balance $552 87

I. HENRY STEARNS,
Grand Treasurer.

AUDITED AT MONTREAL, 11th August, 1868.

HENRY A. SIMS,
Chairman Executive Committee.

V. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following Report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that in the performance of the duties assigned them they have carefully perused the proceedings of 28 sister Grand Chapters, viz :

1. Scotland	1867
2. Alabama	1867
3. Arkansas	1867
4. California	1867
5. Connecticut	1868
6. District of Columbia	1867
7. Florida	1867
8. Illinois	1867
9. Indiana	1867
10. Iowa	1867
11. Kansas	1867
12. Kentucky	1867
13. Louisiana	1868
14. Maine	1867
15. Maryland	1867
16. Massachusetts	1867
17. Michigan	1868
18. Minnesota	1867
19. Missouri	1867
20. Nebraska	1867
21. New Hampshire	1866-7
22. New Jersey	1867
23. New York	1868
24. Ohio	1867
25. Oregon	1867
26. Tennessee	1867
27. Vermont	1867
28. Virginia	1867

In presenting this their "maiden effort," your Committee do so with great diffidence. They feel that they labor under the great disadvantage that they have been preceded in the work by so thorough a master as R.E.Comp. Seymour. His energetic and valuable reports will long be remembered, and we can hardly hope to attain their excellence. We therefore crave pardon in advance for our shortcomings, and we will endeavor to do our duty faithfully, impartially, and to the best of our skill and ability.

These reports are designed to enable the Companions to obtain a knowledge of the present state and progress of

Capitular Masonry, apart from our own particular jurisdiction, and in disseminating this useful information, they have been very successful, and exert a beneficial influence. Many questions of great and vital importance to all true Masons are constantly arising in different places, and these are generally discussed by the Committees on Correspondence. Most of our *confreres* are shining lights in the Masonic firmament, whose words are words of wisdom, and whose opinions and views on these divers subjects are well worthy of attention; and from these discussions we can learn wherein we are deficient, or in error, and can govern ourselves accordingly. Another pleasing feature is the interchange of fraternal greetings and cordial expressions of regard between the members of the great Masonic family, which make us more truly Brothers, in heart as well as in name. Your Committee feel proud of the honor of contributing their mite to these praiseworthy objects. But, being new to the business, and rather afraid to venture "out in the depths," we advance our opinions very modestly, and shall endeavor more to present the views of others, and strive to give our own Companions an interesting sketch of "things as they are" in the Masonic world around us. If we succeed in this our object will be accomplished.

Our report commences with the Grand Chapter of

SCOTLAND.

We have the annual reporter of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, giving a synopsis of the proceedings of the Supreme Committee, and the Quarterly Communications from March, 1867, to March 1868.

There are 96 Chapters on the roll, returning 580 Registrations, and £347 17 6, fees. The total assets are £1027 19 0. Charters were granted to five new Chapters, namely: No. 120, Columbia, Victoria, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia; No.121, Alexandria and Bonhill, Dumbarton; No. 122, Thetis, Glasgow; No. 123, Mount Elbarnz, Bombay; and No. 124, Rising Star of Western India, Bombay.

M. E. Comp. J. Whyte Melville was re-elected First Grand Principal Z., and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, G. S. E.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama held its forty-first annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on the 3rd December, 1867, and following days, M. E. Comp. George D. Norris, G. H. P., presiding. R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 46 Chapters in attendance. The returns show 234 exaltations; total membership 2,577; dues received, $1,225.50; total receipts, $1,522.00; balance on hand, $1,484.25.

The G. H. P. opens his address with a brilliant eulogium on our beloved Order, from which we extract the following: "'*Qui dedit nobis principium, idem dabit prosperos successus.*' Who can doubt the truth of the above sentence? From whence came our beginning but from the great *Shem Hamphorash*, and will He not give us prosperous success? Is He not now? Our gates are thronged with applicants, and the Hiram sounds in many halls. What is this imperious institution which spreads her wings over the continents of Europe and America, the Isles of the sea, and every habitable part of the earth, and which, without the slightest dependence on any form of government, has preserved its purity amidst every species of political convulsion, the disasters of war, the demolition of empires, kingdoms and states? What is this immense and silent influential association, whose origin is lost amid the darkness of antiquity, and whose ramifications branch out amidst the conflicting interests of commercial speculations, diplomatic alliances, religious creeds, and all the social establishments of mankind in every country of the world, in spite of differences in climate, color, language and manners? What is the signification of its rites and ceremonies, its usages and its symbols? What services is it able to render to the sacred cause of humanity? It is Freemasonry, and the Universe is the temple of the Living God, whom Masons serve. * * * * The Order, being based on Truth, Brotherly Love, and Charity, is imperishable.

This is the institution that has called us together from far off places, from pleasant homes, kind and affectionate wives, children and parents, to assemble in re-union for the good of the Craft."

From the Grand Secretary's report, we are happy to learn that Capitular Masonry occupies a firmer and prouder position than ever before, and that most of the Chapters disorganized during the war, have again erected their tabernacles.

A memorial page is set apart to M. E. Comp. J. B. Harrison, P. G. H. P., who fell by the hand of an assassin, on his way home from Selma, on the 17th August, 1867.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. E. Comp. P. J. Pillans, reviewing the proceedings of 24 Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1866, in an interesting manner.

M. E. Comp. Peleg Brown was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Chapter held its eighteenth annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, City of Little Rock, on the 31st October and 1st November, 1867, M. E. Comp. Luke E. Barber, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary. Twenty-five Chapters were represented, including nine under dispensations. Dues received, $955.25. Cash on hand, $564.19.

From the excellent address of the G. H. P. we learn that the depression heretofore existing seems to have been almost entirely removed, only two Chapters being in default. He reports having issued 7 Dispensations for new Chapters. He is of opinion that none but affiliated and attending Master Masons should be admitted to the Chapter Degrees. "If he be an indolent Mason, neglectful of his duty as Master, we can scarcely expect him to become an industrious laborer amid the ruins of the old, or a polished column in the new Temple."

The work in all the degrees was exemplified, actual candidates being in attendance.

With commendable liberality, the Grand Chapter continues its usual custom of appropriating *all* the surplus funds to the benefit of St. John's College, an institution supported solely by the Masonic bodies, for educating the children of deceased and indigent brethren.

The Committee on Masonic Law, whose report was adopted, decide that the loss of an arm renders a candidate physically incapable of receiving the Chapter Degrees—a decision which has our approval—but they desire that the question should be settled by the General Grand Chapter.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of R. E. Comp. the Rev. A. H. Kennedy, Grand Chaplain, "in recollection of his many Christian virtues and Masonic excellencies."

The resolutions and decisions of the Grand Chapter have been compiled and condensed by the G. H. P., and are published in an appendix.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. C. B. Moore, reviewing the proceedings of 20 Grand Chapters in a very interesting manner. The Committee "are impressed with the conviction that Capitular Masonry is everywhere in a prosperous and healthy condition, and is nobly answering the ends for which we conceive Providence permitted it to be established—the amelioration of the condition of mankind."

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were both re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.

The fourteenth annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of San Francisco on the 14th October, 1867. M. E. Comp. Charles Marsh, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. L. C. Owen, G. Secretary, and the representatives of 29 chartered Chapters. The returns show 34 Chapters on the roll; exaltations during the year, 212; and the total number of members 1,429. The receipts during the year were $3,238.00; and the balance in the treasury $213.72.

The proceedings are local, and of no special general interest.

The G. H. P. had appointed a Grand Lecturer, who discharged his arduous duties with credit and ability, and was continued in his office.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on Correspondence, on the doings of 25 Grand Chapters. Canada for 1866 is kindly noticed.

M. E. Comp. Isaac H. Titus was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The semi-annual Convocation, for the purpose of exemplifying the work in the several degrees, was held at New London on the 6th November, 1867.

The annual Convocation was held at Hartford on the 12th May, 1868—M. E. Comp. James L. Gould, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, G. Secretary. Twenty-seven Chapters were represented. They return 374 exaltations and 3066 members. Dues received, $712.00.

The G. H. P. congratulates the Companions on the continued prosperity which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, on the excellence of the work, and the quality of the material. He recommends the strictest scrutiny in the selection of candidates, and that they should not only be proficient in the ritual, but also in the tenets and principles of the Order. He recapitulates his official acts, and condemns the practice of exalting non-affiliated Brethren, and the installation of officers by proxy. Reports were also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the G. K., and Grand Scribe.

A rule was adopted that a rejected candidate cannot be again proposed within six months, nor be allowed to petition any other Chapter without the *unanimous* consent of the rejecting Chapter.

The Committee on jurisprudence reported a resolution, which was adopted, forbidding the conferring of the degrees of Capitular Masonry upon any candidate unless he is a member of a Lodge in good standing. Another, that no officer be installed by proxy.

Pages are dedicated to the memory of Comp. Joshua R. Jewett, aged 96, M. P. G. M. of Clinton Council for 41 successive years; M. E. Comps. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, aged 82, and Geo. E. Palmer, P. H. P.

M. E. Comp. Wm. Storer presents his 17th annual report on Correspondence. It is an interesting and exhaustive commentary on the proceedings of 25 Grand Chapters. Canada for 1867 is favorably noticed, and extracts are given from the address of the M. E. G. Z. and the report of Comp. Seymour, to whom he pays a well-deserved compliment.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This new Grand Chapter is being established under difficulties, an edict having been issued by the General Grand High Priest declaring it to be irregular and clandestine.

We have not space to enter into the merits of the controversy, nor do we desire to interfere in what may be termed a "family quarrel;" yet we cannot help thinking that much of the difficulty is owing to the *existence* of the General Grand Chapter.

The Convention of delegates to form this Grand Chapter was held at Washington, April 3rd, 1867. The new Grand Chapter was constituted, and the officers installed by M. E. Comp. A. G. Mackey, P. G. G. H. P., May 23rd, 1867.

A special Convocation was held June 14th, at which Potomac Chapter, No. 8, was declared irregular, and M. E. Comp. J. G, Smith, P. G. H. P., was suspended for unmasonic conduct.

A special Convocation was held October 5th, to prepare and forward statement of facts to the various Grand Chapters.

Annual Convocation held at the Central Masonic Hall, Washington, November 11th, 1867. Number of Chapters 5; exaltations 149; total membership 498; dues paid, $500.00; cash on hand, $301.21.

The address of the G. H. P. is chiefly a defence of their proceedings in organizing the Grand Chapter.

With the transactions is published a short history of the formation of the Grand Chapter, and the official acts of the General G. H. P.

This new Grand Chapter has been recognized by the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky and Ohio, and is spoken favorably of by Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana and Iowa. Other Chapters await the decision of the General Grand Chapter, which meets in September next, and will probably take action in the premises.

M. E. Comp. J. E. F. Holmead was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. N. D. Larner, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The twenty-first annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Tallahassee, on the 14th January. 1867. M. E. Comp. David Jones, G H. P., and R. E. Comp. H. A. Corley, G. Secretary. Eleven Chapters were represented, out of 16 on the roll. Exaltations during the year, 77; total membership, 445; cash received, $442.00; balance on hand, $173.00.

The address of the G. H. P. is very brief and very good. He reports the re-establishment of two chapters, and that no questions have been submitted to him for decision.

A resolution of thanks was passed to a Companion in Connecticut, who had purchased from a soldier the records of Mount Horeb Chapter, and presented them to the Grand Chapter for restoration.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. E. Comp. Thomas Brown, reviewing the proceedings of 19 Grand Chapters, and giving the officers of each.

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

The eighteenth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Springfield, October 4th, 1867. M. E. Comp. Orlin

H. Miner, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary. Out of 111 Chapters, 87 were represented. The statistics given are very full and carefully compiled, but they are not summarized, so that we are unable to give the year's work. The total number of members returned is 5,724. Receipts, $6,622.00; cash on hand, $4,330.00. We must congratulate our Illinois Companions on their flourishing condition.

The address of the G. H. P. is chiefly confined to local matters. Eleven new Chapters were formed during the year.

A resolution was adopted that a rejected candidate cannot apply again within one year.

A page is dedicated to the memory of M. E. Comp. M. J. Noyes, P. G. H. P. An appendix is published, giving the constitution, by-laws, rules of order, resolutions in force, forms, masonic calendar, permanent members, and returns of Chapters, with the names of all the members—a mass of useful information.

The Grand Secretary furnishes a comprehensive report on the proceedings of 30 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1866. Matters of jurisprudence and obituaries are treated separately.

M. E. Comp. George W. Lininger was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The twenty-second annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the Grand Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, May 22nd and 23rd, 1867, M. E. Comp. Thomas Newby, G. H. P., presiding, and R.E.Comp.William Hacker, Grand Secretary. Fifty-eight Chapters on the roll return 488 exaltations and 2,282 members. Receipts, $3,346.10; balance on hand' $4,779.98.

The address of the G. H. P. gives full details of his official acts. He says: "We rejoice to herald not only the return of peace, but also the return of healthy and vigorous Capitular life everywhere over the South, and we extend our most earnest fraternal sympathy with the afflictions of our Companions, both

as individuals, and as organized constitutional Grand Chapters, with halls destroyed or much injured, without furniture, jewels and clothing." He laments the death of M. E. Comp. D. K. Hays, P. G. H. P., and gives a sketch of his masonic life. He concludes with the following good advice: "As symbolic Masonry has its duties and lessons, so has Capitular Freemasonry its peculiar duties, theories and instructions. They commence with the serious, and close with the joy of the chosen people. symbolizing life, death, resurrection; teaching restraint, and pointing to the laver from which we should go cleansed from moral deformity, Study well our symbols, our history, our literature. Conform your lives to our precepts, our high moral, and even theological teachings, and so pass through our mysteries, which are temporal, as to be admitted to those which are eternal, into the Holy of Holies above."

At the previous annual Convocation, a resolution was adopted seceding from the General Grand Chapter. This action was considered hasty, and without due consideration, and was repealed.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the G. H. P., and briefly reviews the proceedings of 17 Grand Chapters, Canada not included.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

IOWA.

The thirteenth annual Convocation was held at Davenport, October 17th, 1867. M. E. Comp. H. H. Hemenway, G. H. P, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, G. Secretary. Twenty-six Chapters were represented. The returns show 448 exaltations and 1,378 members. Dues, $1,524.00; cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, $2,871.99. Charters were granted to eight new Chapters.

The report of a special Committee appointed to consider the propriety of rescinding a former resolution, severing connection with the General Grand Chapter, was adopted. The Committee say that "the resolution was an outgrowth of the conviction that

the General Grand Chapter had outlived its days of usefulness; that its machinery was cumbersome: that the theory on which it was based was vicious in every respect, and was opposed to the Masonic divine idea that each Grand Chapter is supreme within its own jurisdiction, and of right should be so." They uphold the new Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia against the edict of the G. G. H. P., and recommend that the resolution of dissolution be not rescinded.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Guilbert, and is written in his usual spicy style. He reviews at length the proceedings of 31 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1866.

The same G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas was convened in the City of Leavenworth, on the 16th October, 1867, being the second annual Convocation. M. E. Comp. R. R. Rees, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, and a full representation of nine subordinate Chapters, including three under dispensation. The abstract of returns shows 10 Chapters, Exaltations, 75; number of members, 315; dues received, $480.00; balance on hand, $406.70.

The G. H. P., in his address, suggests, as a subject for discussion, the propriety of the Past Master's degree in Chapters. He says that, in its proper place, it should never be dispensed with, "for Masonry, from the time when the novice treads the chequered floor, through all its mazes, until he brings to light the hidden mysteries, is a chain of incidents recorded on the page of history, in regular progression, of succeeding ages, and, save this one, there is no broken link to mar its beauty or consistency; the incidents so linked together that the study of the antiquarian searcher after truth is less a labor than a pleasure, but this disjointing of the chain is like the cucumber that grew within the bottle's bulb:

> 'Tis something neither strange nor rare,
> But only wondrous how 'twas gotten there.'

Yet, could I for a moment think that to remove this fungus from its place would be an innovation, I would oppose it to the last. But I suppose that, like Paul Pry, it just stepped in, and hopes it don't intrude." He thinks the subject should be brought before the General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, say that a Mark Master Mason can be prevented from advancing upon objections made by a Companion, without giving reasons, or preferring charges. We cannot agree with this decision. We think that the candidate could be kept from advancing *pending* charges, but it is the duty of the objecting Companion to prefer charges at once. Any other course, we think, would be unfair, both to the candidate, and to the other members of the Chapter.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of M. E. Comp. Jacob Saqui, at the time of his death Deputy G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary furnishes the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters. In speaking of Canada he draws attention to the Confederation of the Provinces, and the projected formation of a Grand Chapter for British North America, and says: "If this is to be one united Grand Chapter for all the Provinces, we would say 'all right,' as then the different Chapters hailing from the 'old country' might be more readily served; but were each Province to have a subordinate Grand Chapter, we should, had we a voice in the matter, oppose the organization of a General Grand Chapter." We thank Comp. Carr for his friendly advice. It is hsrdly likely that anything will be done in this matter for some time; but when we do make a move in that direction, we will probably have learned wisdom through the experience of our neighboring Companions, and will steer clear of a General Grand Chapter and its attendant evils.

M. E. Comp. R. R. Rees, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter held its annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 21st October, 1867, and following days. M. E. Comp. J. H. Branham, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, Grand Secretary. Seventy-five Chapters were represented, including seven under dispensation. Eighty-three Chapters return 559 exaltations, and 3,101 members. Dues received, $2,876.00 ; cash on hand, $958.00 ; total resources, stock, bonds, &c., $11.358.00.

The address of the G. H. P. is an able and interesting document, from which we gladly extract. He congratulates "on the great prosperity of R. A. Masonry, not only in our jurisdiction, but throughout the length and breadth of this great country, in all the States with which we correspond. That prosperity has not been evinced so much by a large increase in the number of new Chapters constituted as in the addition of useful, valuable and efficient materials to those already established, and in their desire and determination to make their Chapters sources of light and knowledge to those who may be so fortunate as to gain admittance within their sacred retreats, and to render their work as near perfect as any science can be made which is dependent on human learning, wisdom and labor." He refused a number of applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, thinking such wholly wrong, (except in clear cases of emergency) and that they are somewhat calculated to lower the standard of Royal Arch Masonry. He submits a plan to secure uniformity of work through the intervention of Grand Officers,and thus pleasantly discourses on the "vestments" of the High Priest: "I find that, in a large number of our Chapters, the High Priests wear a mitre, sometimes surmounted by a cross, and made in imitation of that worn by Roman Catholic Priests, bearing no resemblance whatever to the mitre of a Jewish High Priest, after which they should be modelled. * * * I entertain as profound a veneration for the cross and all it is intended to signify and symbolize as any man, but the mitre of a Roman Catholic prelate, surmounted by a cross,

is entirely out of place on the head of a Jewish High Priest, or any officer representing him in any Chapter or Council of ancient Freemasonry—as much so as a breastplate would be on a Christian Bishop, or a sacrificial altar within his sanctuary—as much so as a cross would be suspended round the neck of a Jewish Rabbi, or a Moslem crescent gleaming from the tower of his synagogue." He hopes that that part of the vestments will be changed.

A resolution was passed that Lodges of Mark, Past, and M. E. Masters cannot be called from labor to refreshment, but must be closed. This seems to us to interfere with the prerogative of the R. W. M., who should have the sole control and regulation of the work.

We regret still to observe, in the returns of subordinate Chapters, full descriptions of the rejected—name, age, residence, occupation, weight, height, &c., and we hope our Kentucky Companions will soon see the wisdom of abolishing this barbarous and unwarranted custom.

A very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Comp. A. G. Hodges, giving a summary of the interesting matters, and the names and residences of the officers of 23 Grand Chapters, Canada for 1866 included.

M. E. Comp. Isaac T. Martin was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Philip Swigert, re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its twenty-first annual Convocation at the Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, on the 11th and 12th February, 1868, M. E. Comp. H. P. Buckley, G.H.P., presiding, and R.E.Comp. J.C. Batchelor,M.D.,Grand Secretary. Out of 25 Chapters on the roll, 23 were represented. They return 133 exaltations, and 1,504 members. Cash received, $940.25 ; amount in treasury, $1,115.40.

The G. H. P. decided that, upon objection being made to a candidate after a favorable ballot,and the objection communicated to the H. P., and considered by him of sufficient weight, he

should at once order a new ballot; but an unfavorable ballot could not be reconsidered.

We are happy to see that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing brought before them.

Comp. W. W. Leake briefly reports on the proceedings of 18 Grand Chapters.

M. E. Comp. S. M. Todd was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The annual Convocation was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Portland, May 6th, 1867, M. E. G. H. P. Drummond presiding; R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, and a full representation of 21 subordinate Chapters. The Charity Fund amounts to $2,377.41; income available, $121.00. Dues received, $951.00; balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, $1,215.10. Exaltations during the year, 382; total membership, 1,765.

The G. H. P. thus refers to the great fire: "The strange surroundings which greet your eyes on every side remind you that the tabernacle in which we last gathered around our altar, hallowed by so many associations, consecrated by the prayers of the Fathers in *our* Israel, has shared the fate of the temple at Jerusalem. The terrible fire of the 4th July swept it away as if in a moment, and with it the clothing and jewels of this Grand Chapter, and much property of its two subordinates in this city. This is not the time or place to speak specifically of the alacrity and abundant generosity with which the Craft hastened to relieve the sufferings and destitution of our Brethren and Companions who were overwhelmed in this fearful calamity."

Dispensations were issued for 4 new Chapters.

Official reports were also presented by the D. G. H. P., the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the G. H. P., on the proceedings of 33 out of 35 sister Grand Chapters. He

mentions Canada for 1866, and gives an extract from the address of the M. E. Grand Z., and also one from Comp. Seymour's, review of Scotland, relative to the Mark degree. This report is one of the ablest we have perused. It is thoroughly practical, and abounds in useful and entertaining remarks. In concluding he advises that the utmost care should be taken to prevent the introduction of work not fit for use, and that unsound pillars should be removed and heaved over among the rubbish.

Both the G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A special Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Baltimore on the 26th March, 1867. M. E. Comp. J. G. Smith, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. W. M. Smith, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 7 out of the 12 Chapters in this jurisdiction. After some discussion, a resolution was passed, by 24 yeas to 3 nays, consenting to a separation of the jurisdiction, and to the establishment of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia. A committee was appointed to divide the property and funds.

Special session, May 16th, 1867—eleven Chapters represented. A resolution was passed by 26 to 6, declaring the division of the jurisdiction to be complete, and recognizing the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. The G. H. P., being a member of a Chapter in the District of Columbia, resigned his authority to the D. G. H. P., who appointed a Companion to receive the records, &c., from the Grand Secretary, who was in the same position.

A third special Convocation was held at Baltimore, June 4th, 1867, R. E. Comp. W. A. Wentz, D. G. H. P., presiding, and representatives from 6 Chapters in attendance. It was resolved that the name and style of the Grand Chapter hereafter be the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

The annual Convocation was held Nov. 11th, 1867, the D. G. H. P. presiding; Comp. G. L. McCahan as Grand Secretary. All the Chapters—nine in number—were represented, the other

three having formed the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. The returns from ten Chapters, (one under Dispensation) show 113 exaltations, and 780 members. Dues paid, $560.00 ; balance on hand, $766.65.

At this sitting the Grand Chapter, by a vote of 18 to 4, resolved that the former proceedings (quoted above) were irregular and illegal. Another resolution fully endorses the action of the General G. H. P., in declaring the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be irregular and clandestine. How this difficulty will be arranged must be left to time to determine, but we hope that ere long, we can announce that the breach has been healed, and that all our Companions are working in harmony—striving only to excel in what is good and great.

Comp. E. L. Stevens presents a very good report on the doings of 24 Grand Chapters. He gives extracts from our proceedings for 1866, but differs from Comp. Seymour regarding the right of private Lodges or Chapters to expel. He holds that a Lodge or Chapter can inflict any deserved penalty upon an offender, but that the superior body may reverse the decision. With us the rule is different. Our constitution provides that in the Grand Chapter alone resides the power of expulsion Subordinate Chapters may suspend or exclude, and may *recommend* that a Companion be expelled, but the "death penalty" can only be inflicted by the supreme power; and we think that, in accordance with "the fitness of things," it should be so everywhere. Comp. Stevens also says that "though the superior power may restore a Companion to his *Masonic privileges*, it has no right to place him back as a disturbing element in the body from which he was expelled." We cannot see the force of this reasoning. The reversal of the decision of the private Chapter in effeot says that that decision was *wrong*, and that matters should be in the same position as if such decision had never been made. Such is always the effect of an appeal, if allowed in the Law Courts, and in all ecclesiastical bodies, and other societies and organizations; and that it should be so is also evident, from the fact, that if it were otherwise, an indirect power would be given to an inferior body, by which

it could nullify and set at naught the solemn decisions and utterances of its superior, from whence it derives all its powers and vitality. Such a state of things would soon be subversive of all order and harmony. Again, we take it that the *right of membership* and the *right of visitation* are *landmarks*, and are inherent to every Mason in good standing; so that if a Companion is restored to his masonic *privileges*, he must be also restored to his former membership, and has a right to visit as formerly, both of these rights being included in the term *privileges.*

M. E. Comp. John L. Yeates was elected G. H. P., and R.E. Comp. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The transactions of this Grand Chapter are brief, the proceedings of 3 stated and one annual Convocation occupying but 14 pages. The annual Convocation was held at the new Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 10th September, 1867, M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs, G.H.P., presiding; R.E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, and representatives present from 18 Chapters out of 37 on the roll. They report 742 exaltations, and 2,689 members. The Finance Committee report dues received, $2,328.50; balance in hands of the treasurer, $403.95; total assets—bonds, shares, &c., $4,703.93.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Henry Chickering. It is a lengthy document, covering 73 pages, and bears evidence of great care in its preparation. It reviews the proceedings of 23 Grand Chapters, and in conclusion, says: "'By their fruits ye shall know them,' and here is the best test of our ancient and honorable institution. With the warm throbbings of our hearts beating in unison with the act, we extend our hand in warm, loving, fraternal greeting to our Companions of the mystic tie, everywhere throughout the extent of our country, knowing no North, no South, no East, no West, but all the same, one and indivisible, now and ever. 'So mote it be.'"

M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The nineteenth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Detroit on the 6th January, 1868, M. E. Comp. John P. Fiske, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters were represented. The accounts show the amount received for dues to be $2,542.33, and the balance on hand, $1,461.90. There are 47 chartered Chapters, and 10 under dispensation, on the roll. Exaltations during the year, 710; total number of members, 3,912.

The G. H. P. congratulates the Companions on the general prevailing harmony, and recounts his official acts. He decides that a party made and exalted in a military Lodge and Chapter, is a clandestine mason, and not to be recognized.

The following resolution was ordered to lie on the table, because it was said to be already Masonic law: "The use of distilled spirits or fermented drinks in Chapter rooms, at Chapter meetings, is of evil example, and productive of pernicious effect; the same is therefore expressly and absolutely forbidden, under any pretence whatever." We hope none of our Companions in Michigan indulge in such unpardonable practices.

Comps. Grand Secretary, and P.G.H.P. Coffinbury review 25 Grand Chapters in an able and interesting manner.

M. E. Comp. G. C. Monroe was elected G. H. P.; the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

The seventh annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened at the City of St. Paul, October 21st, 1867, M. E. Comp. B. F. Smith, G.H.P., and R. E. Comp. L. E. Thompson, Grand Secretary. Delegates were present from each of the ten subordinate Chapters. Cash received, $853.00; balance on hand, $1,202.50. Exaltations, 152.

An excellent address was delivered by the G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter was, on motion, resolved into *a Convention* for the election of officers, which strikes us as rather a novel proceeding. Surely a Grand body is competent to elect its own officers, and we cannot understand why one of its most important powers should be delegated to a convention. M. E. Comp. Luther Dearborn was elected G.H.P., and R. E. Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary; and the elections *were confirmed* unanimously by the Grand Chapter.

There is no report on Correspondence, although a committee was appointed.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Chapter held its annual Convocation at the City of St. Louis, on the 9th and 10th October, 1867, R. E. Comp. Martin Collins, D. G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. George F. Gouley, Grand Secretary. Eighteen Chapters were represented, out of 26 on the roll. They return 272 exaltations and 1,367 members. Dues received, $2,144.00; cash on hand, $3,850.00.

In the absence of the G. H. P., owing to the necessities of business, the address was delivered by the Deputy, and breathes a truly Masonic spirit. A well-deserved eulogium is passed upon R. E. Comp. Anthony O'Sullivan, "one of the fathers of Masonry in Missouri," for many years Grand Lecturer, Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, who died on the 11th of August, 1866. We sincerely sympathize with our Missouri Companions in their great loss. The memory of Comp. O'Sullivan will long be treasured among the Craft, not only for his many attainments, but also as an upright man, and a *good* Mason. The Grand Chapter resolved to act in conjunction with the Grand Lodge, in erecting a suitable monument over his remains.

The committee on Grievances had nothing presented for their consideration, nor were there any appeals for charity—two noteworthy circumstances.

The Grand Secretary presents an able and impartial review

of the transactions of 27 Grand Chapters. He makes kindly mention of Canada for 1866, and quotes approvingly Comp. Seymour's remarks on the competency of Grand Lecturers.

M. E. Comp. Martin Collins was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. F. Gouley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

We cordially welcome this new Grand Chapter, and have no doubt but that she will prove a worthy addition to the family. May Heaven speed the work Westward!

The organization took place at the City of Plattsmouth, on the 19th day of March, 1867, under authority of the Deputy General G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Ira A. W. Buck. Three Chapters participated in the formation.

M.E.Comp. H. P. Denel was elected G.H.P., and R. E.Comp. E. T. Duke, Grand Secretary.

The first annual Convocation was held at the City of Omaha, June 17th, 1867. The 3 subordinates return 59 exaltations, and $302.00, dues.

The G.H.P. recommends caution in laying the foundation of their new Masonic edifice, that it may be reared in strength and beauty, and prove a lasting monument. The materials which are selected should be able to stand the test of the overseer's square, and be pronounced "good and square work."

M. E. Comp. James W. Moore was elected G.H.P., and R. E. Comp. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1866 and 1867 came to us in one volume, very neatly got up, and well printed.

The annual Convocation was held at Concord, June 12th, 1866, M. E. Comp. Thomas E. Hatch, G.H.P.; R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 10 Chapter

present. Eleven Chapters return 159 exaltations, and 980 members. Dues received, $318.00; cash on hand, $791.00.

From the excellent address of the G. H. P., we have an interesting glimpse of Masonry in the far East. He says: "In January I received a communication from Comp. Albert. L. Long, of Constantinople, setting forth the state of Masonry in that city, and asking for advice in regard to establishing a Chapter there, under an American dispensation. I was greatly interested in this matter, and regretted that the regulations of the General Grand Chapter would not allow me to grant a dispensation. I therefore contented myself with giving him the necessary instructions, and wishing him God speed in his noble and glorious undertaking. I was surprised to learn, from his letter, that Masonry is in such a flourishing condition in that place. He says, 'There are at present in this city, two English, one Irish, two German, one French, one Italian, and one Greek Lodge, in working order. An attempt has also been made to establish a Chapter under the English Constitution. The wish has been expressed to see an American Lodge and an American Chapter established here.' I also learn from his letter, that some time since a charter was granted to some Companions in Smyrna, Asia, by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to open and hold a Chapter in that city, which Chapter was duly organized, and has done good work."

We learn from the "Reporter of the Grand Chapter of Scotland," that one of their subordinates—No. 107 on their registry—is located at Constantinople. It is called the "Thistle of the East," and E. Comps. Alexander Thomson, Henry Newbolt, and J. P. Brown are, respectively, first, second and third Principals.

Pages are dedicated to the memory of ex-Governor John H. Steele, P.H.P., and Philemon Tolls, P.G.H.P.

The Grand Secretary carefully digests the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters. He gives several extracts from Canada for 1865, and refers thereto in complimentary terms.

The G.H.P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next annual Convocation was held at Concord, June 11th, 1867, M. E. Comp. T. E. Hatch, G.H.P., presiding; R.E.Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, and 10 Chapters represented. The returns show 172 exaltations, and 1,055 members. Dues received, $308.00; balance on hand, $1,031.00.

The address of the G.H.P. is brief, and treats principally of local matters.

R. E. Comp. H. Chase presents a lengthy report on the proceedings of 25 Grand Chapters, ours for 1866 included. The remarks of our honorable and venerable Companion are always well-timed, and his admirable commentaries are always welcome.

M. E. Comp. N. W. Cumner was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The eleventh annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held at Trenton on the 11th September, 1867. M. E. Comp. Israel Baldwin, G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary. Fifteen Chapters were represented. The returns are very full, and give the names of all the members of the subordinate Chapters, but they are not summarized. The amount of $829.00 was received for dues, and there was a balance on hand of $874.40.

The G. H. P. delivered an eloquent address. He finds Royal Arch Masonry in a healthy and prosperous condition; the numbers added being "of the best material, just such as is wanted for the building up and sustaining the character of our beloved institution, whose true object, end and aim, is to promote peace on earth and good will to men."

Official reports were also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the G. King and the G. Scribe.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Comp. Corson, and is in the Doctor's usual spicy style. He gives praise where

deserved, but does not hesitate to criticize somewhat severely where he thinks it is needed. He reviews the proceedings of 29 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1866. He inclines to patronize us over our Fenian troubles—" boy-play " as he calls it, and says that Uncle Sam will not let us suffer harm from that quarter. We can assure him that we are in no wise alarmed.

Companion Corson closes his report with the following call for a Convention of Reporters, to be held in Masonic Utopia :

" Come hither, ye Reporters all, we'll have a word with you,
The world masonic wants to know the things that ye can do ;
Leave your work—pack up your duds, and give us your attention,
In friendly conclave let us meet, and have a grand convention.

Come Alabama—here we rest—preside and take the chair.
There's no one we would rather meet than honest Daniel Sayre ;
And Williams, from Arkansas, too, the far.off guest we greet,
With Seymour, our Canadian friend, he'll find a pleasant seat.

Now Owen comes from Golden shores, with brain so bright and clear,
And Storer, of Connecticut, will very soon be here ;
While Florida sends on her Brown, a man both good and true ;
(Come Georgia, you must hurry up, we'll wait awhile for you.)

Here Reynolds with a Trowel comes, and with a friendly hand
Greets Pattison, and Bayless too, who come to join the band ;
And Guilbert of the lion's voice, but with a woman's heart,
Who says such very cutting things because he thinks they're smart.

From bleeding Kansas hear a sound ! there comes a first-class Carr,
Kentucky's Graham takes his place without the slightest jar ;
And as an admonition just that none of us be lazy,
Louisiana sends to us our good Companion Swasey,

Here Stevens comes, warm-hearted man, to speak for Maryland,
Drummond leaves the bluffs of Maine to take him by the hand ;
Next Kimball makes a bow profound, with dignity and grace,
And Johnson, shedding smiles around, proceeds to take his place.

The " Cloudy-water State " so dear has not reported yet,
But Pierson soon will be along, and bring his " Alphabet ;"
And Patten, too, is hast'ning on from Mississippi's plains,
To join this happy family, and sing his sweetest strains.

Next Gouley rushes in the throng, with knitted brow severe,
(His caustic pen is left at home, and we can banish fear ;)
His words are sharp, his heart is kind—we'll put him face to face
With one of Nature's noblemen, New Hampshire's gentle Chase.

New Jersey sends her Jeffreys on, because she knows he's right,
He'll make a splendid *tete-a-tete* for good Companion White;
North Carolina need not fear so long as she has Carr,
And Matthews will command respect where'er true Masons are.

Caldwell leaves his "love of gold," and comes from Oregon,
The Keystone State her silence breaks, and sends her Allen on;
Doyle, his voice, with anxious care, to melody attunes,
To greet Palmetto's noble son, Companion R. S. Bruns.

From Tennessee a Fuller comes, whom we are glad to greet,
(The lone-star State has not arrived, but we'll reserve her seat,)
A Britton, too, shall welcome be, right from the mountains green,
And Isaacs, of Virginia, shall grace this pleasant scene.

Wisconsin's wilds shall have a voice, and we'll receive Cottrill,
And hand in hand, and heart with heart, we'll meet with right good will,
From North and South, from East and West, we'll come, both great and small,
And pledging each to each his faith, we'll pray God bless us all."

M. E. Comp. J. V. Mattison was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Woolverton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-first annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, was held at the Masonic Hall in the city of Albany, commencing on the 4th February, 1868. M. E. Comp. Seymour H. Stone, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. C. G. Fox Grand Secretary, and representatives present from 124 Chapters. The returns show an unexampled degree of prosperity. We only hope the doors are not open too wide. There are 139 warranted Chapters, showing 2170 exaltations during the year, and a total membership of 11,560. The receipts were $12,554.50, and the expenditure $9,580. The funds of Grand Chapter amount to $9,438.87.

A memorial page is inscribed to the memory of R. E. Comp. William Seymour, who was Treasurer of the Grand Chapter for 18 years.

The report on correspondence embraces the doings of 24 Grand Chapters—Canada not included.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

OHIO.

This Grand Chapter began its fifty-first annual Convocation. on the 11th October, 1867, at Cincinnati, M. E. Comp. George Rex presiding as G.H.P., and R. E. Comp. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary. Representatives were in attendance from 88 Chapters, out of 103 on the roll. They return 950 exaltations, and 5,330 members. Cash on hand, $4,847.96.

Decisions were made as follows: That any Royal Arch Mason is eligible to the office of High Priest—that an applicant must be a Master Mason, but need not be affiliated—that a separate ballot is required for each degree, and that a dimit operates from the date at which it is granted by the Chapter.

In the appendix we find a ritual for the installation of officers in Grand and private Chapters.

Canada for 1866 is noticed by Comp. Howard Mathews, in his admirable report on Foreign Communications, which embraces the proceedings of 27 Grand Chapters. He evidently rejoices in his work, comparing it to "a stroll through a garden replete with most rare and beautiful flowers, whose rich and delicate perfume had filled the air, conferring pleasure and enjoyment upon every passer." He has prepared a table of statistics, showing the total membership in the United States and Canada to be 59,468.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of Oregon convened in the City of Portland, on June 24th, 1868, it being the seventh annual Convocation. In the absence of the G.H.P., the Deputy, R. E. Comp. B. F. Brown, presided; R. E. Comp. C. M. Cartwright, Grand Secretary. All the Chapters—five in number, were represented. They return 16 exaltations, and 149 members. Dues received, $255.81; balance on hand, $318.53.

The proceedings are entirely local and need no special comment.

A memorial page is set apart for M. E. Comp. Amory Holbrook, P. G. H. P.

Comp. B. F. Brown reviews the proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1866, in a concise and pleasing manner.

M. E. Comp. B. F. Brown was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. C. M. Cartwright re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The transactions of this Grand Chapter appear to be published only once in three years, The volume before us contains an abstract of the proceedings of eleven quarterly, and three annual convocations, held during the years 1865, 1866 and 1867, and a number of addresses delivered by M. E. Comp. Samuel C. Perkins, G. H. P,, during those years.

No statistics whatever are given. In 1864 the receipts were $1,315.36, balance on hand, $378.67. In 1865 the receipts were $1,404.40, and the cash on hand, $1,007.84. In 1866 the receipts were $2,330.18, and balance on hand, $1,154.28.

From the address of the M. E. G. H. P., S. C. Perkins, delivered December 27th, 1865, we learn that in Pennsylvania there are forty subordinate Chapters, and three Mark Lodges. He gives an interesting synopsis of the teachings of each of the Chapter degrees. The three Mark Lodges in Philadelphia are the only ones in the country, and in an address to them he comments upon the fact that many take the Mark degree and do not proceed farther; and he strongly advises them that this should not be so. During the year 1866, thirteen new Chapters were constituted, and in 1867 three more were added, making a total of sixty.

M. E. Comp. George Griscom delivered an address on his election in December 1867, from which we extract the following:—"Freemasonry accompanied the first Europeans to America, and our Order has been an institution in Pennsylvania from the earliest days of her history as a colony. Royal Arch Masonry was practised

in several Lodges in Pennsylvania, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, as occasion arose for conferring that degree without any separate organization in the form of Chapters, until some time in last century, prior to 1758, when Lodge No. 3, at Philadelphia gave the material and the warrant of constitution, under the sanction of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to Jerusalem Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3; being the first Royal Arch Chapter ever constituted on this continent." The Grand Chapter was formed on the 23rd April, 1795, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and continued thereunder until January 5th, 1824, when they were separated. Since that time, the G. H. P. says that "there never has been a period when the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry were so widely extended, and the interests of the Order so prosperous in this jurisdiction as the present."

A quarterly Convocation was held at Philadelphia, May 15th, 1865.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, providing that no Companion can be elected High Priest of a Chapter, unless he has previously served as King or Scribe.

The G. H. P. announced the death of M. E. Comp. William Whitney, P. G. H. P., "a most faithful and steadfast Companion of the Order, whose bright intellect and guileless heart secured for him the highest respect and the warmest esteem of his fellow-men, wherever he was known." He was 66 years of age, and had been a Mason 42 years. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the years 1850 and 1851. The Grand Chapter was ordered to be draped in mourning for six months.

At the quarterly Convocation held on the 20th November, 1865, M. E. Comp. Samuel C. Perkins was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William H. Adams was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We are sorry to learn of the death of R. E. Comp. Adams, which took place on the 11th February, 1866. He had been Grand Secretary for 24 years, and was held in the highest regard.

At the quarterly Convocation held on the 19th November, 1866, M. E. Comp. S. C. Perkins was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson was elected Grand Secretary.

The annual Convocation was held on the 27th December, 1866. We notice with pleasure the conferring of a special honor upon one of our own members, R. E. Comp. H. A. Sims. "The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then conferred the degree of Past High Priest on Companion Henry A. Sims, Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and first officer of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, C. R., Ottawa."

A well-written report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. William H. Allen, reviewing the proceedings of 23 State Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter. The statistics of twenty-two are tabulated, showing a membership of 44,000. He notices Canada in kindly terms.

M. E. Comp. George Griscom is the present G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The annual Convocation was begun and held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Nashville, October 11th, 1867. Present, M. E. Comp. Jonathan L. Dawson, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 53 Chapters. There are 64 Chapters on the roll, returning 508 exaltations, and 3,127 members. The Committee on accounts report the receipts from dispensations and dues, $2,612.50; and the balance on hand $3,501.67.

A resolution was adopted that no Chapter shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the E. A., F. C., and M. M. degrees, and with all the means of recognition practised among Master Masons.

The Grand Secretary presents the report on Foreign Correspondence; reviewing the proceedings of 24 Grand Chapters, in a very interesting manner. We are sorry to learn that Comp. Fuller contemplates retiring, through ill health.

M. E. Comp. Townsend A. Thomas was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since the foregoing was written we have received a pamphlet containing the funeral obsequies of the R. W. Charles A. Fuller, late Grand Secretary, &c., of the State of Tennessee. He was G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter in 1849 and 1850, and Grand Secretary for 18 years. He attended every meeting of the Grand Chapter from 1844, and the reports on Correspondence were, in general, prepared by him. "In his death Capitular Masonry has sustained a heavy loss, the Grand Chapter an invaluable officer, and the Companions a true, wise, and well-tried friend." We sincerely sympathise with our Companions in Tennessee in their affliction. The Grand Chapter attended the funeral in a body. R. E. Comp. John Frizzell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont assembled at Masons Hall, Vergennes, on the 2nd October, 1867, M. E. Comp. Edward S. Dana, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary. Out of 21 Chapters on the roll, 19 were represented. No summary of returns is given. The Treasurer reports $1,036.00 received, and $1,595.22 on hand.

From the eloquent address of the G. H. P., we collate the following: "Thirteen years have elapsed since the Grand Chapter of Vermont assembled in this city, with my predecessor, Philip C. Tucker, one of its most gifted citizens, occupying this oriental chair, and discoursing to the Grand body in such words of eloquent instruction as ever fell from his lips upon every appropriate occasion. * * Let us, as we assemble on this anniversary—many of us the men of another generation—reverentially consecrate our opening ceremonies by the commemoration of the services of the venerated dead, whose shining virtues and constant devotion to our cause had dignified them while living, and will render perpetually green the acacia that blooms over their graves. * * * During my stay at

Newport, I visited Stanstead, P. Q., and consulted with several of our R. A. Companions at that place. They were desirous of surrendering the charter of Golden Rule Chapter, and of obtaining the consent of their Canadian neighbors to unite with the Chapter at Newport." He hopes that arrangement may yet be carried out.

"From our chartered Chapters I learn of nothing but prosperity and unity. Large numbers are knocking at our outer door for admission, and if there is any apprehension to be felt, it is that too little care is exercised by our Craftsmen and overseers in selecting the material from the quarries, from which our moral and masonic temple is to be constructed. Let me admonish you, my Companions, to renewed vigilance in this particular. Let no unsightly stone mar or deface the beautiful design or proportions of our admirable structure; but let the work of our hands be such as will stand the unerring test of the Supreme Grand Overseer's square, and with hearts glowing with fraternal love, our noblest ambition be to maintain truth, justice, and humanity in our midst, and to transmit all our priceless treasures unimpaired to our posterity. As we assemble from year to year, within this sacred sanctuary, to renew our common vows of fidelity—as we greet here new and zealous Craftsmen, who have joined us in our life-work of patient labor, without the expectation of fee or reward, how suggestive to us is the lesson that at each recurring anniversary there are registered the names of chosen ones who will be with us no more forever—whose jewels have been carefully placed aside as treasured memorials within our archives, while they no more will bear aloft our chosen banners, or wield the sword in their defence from the aggression or persecution of the outer world, who have at times, like the Goths and Vandals of old, sought to leave nothing but destruction and desolation where once pillar, and architrave and pedestal were erect in all their pride—

'A thing of beauty, and a joy forever.'"

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Joshua Britton, reviewing the proceedings of 24 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1866. He extracts from Comp. Seymour's review of Scotland, relative to the Mark degree.

M. E. Comp. Charles A. Miles was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Convocation was held in the Mason's Hall, in the City of Richmond, on the 12th December, 1867, M. E. Comp. George W. Dame, G. H. P., and R.E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary. Twenty-three Chapters were represented. Receipts, $761.75.

The G. H. P. delivered a lengthy and appropriate address. Some of the dormant Chapters have resumed labor, and dispensations were issued to several now ones. He recounts his official acts, and then gives one of the best lectures we have ever seen. At the risk of appearing prolix, we must allow others to share our delight in these pertinent and practical remarks, and we cannot too highly commend the excellent lessons and instructive suggestions they contain. He says: "The importance of reference to the moral and Masonic character of those placed high in office is evident, when we recollect that they are the active exponents of our principles. Nor are they merely officers of a subordinate Chapter; for in Masonic theory they are the representatives or proxies of the Grand Chapter, or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Hence the Grand Chapter is directly involved in the character of the officers of the Councils in every Chapter in her jurisdiction. If, then, the chartered officers, and especially the High Priest of a Chapter, is a bad man, or immoral, a drunkard, or profane man, he certainly is not attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and should not have your sanction in occupying a position which he morally cannot fill. And if he is not qualified by the possession of Masonic knowledge, and is not a proficient in the work and lectures, he will be an incubus upon his Chapter, and a blight upon the whole institution.

"It is only when you have the right men as officers that you can expect the exercise of that discipline which will give you true men in the ranks. Discipline is essential to life, and there is immense need of it in our Chapters. Too many immoral, and

otherwise unworthy men are found in the Chapters, and too many pay no attention to the duties they have solemnly assumed, after they have been assigned seats as *Companions.* There must be a more thorough and rigid discipline exercised, if we desire to maintain for Royal Arch Masonry that exalted character which its principles demand. The unworthy should not be allowed to enter, or remain within; a higher standard of moral excellence should be raised; the qualifications of candidates should be more thoroughly canvassed; their *whole man* should be clearly known to be such as will stand the test of the overseer's square, and be pronounced good and true—good in themselves, and true to the vows previously assumed.

"Very mistaken views prevail among the Fraternity in reference to Masonry. Many think that conferring the degrees is all the machinery of the Institution; but such is not the case. Every man *raised* is not a Mason, nor every one *exalted* a Companion, any more than every circumcised man is a child of Abraham, or every one baptised a Christian. In every case it is the adoption, possession and development of certain clearly defined principles, which are sealed by the outward ceremony. Because of this misconception, many think the Chapter will be sustained, and Royal Arch Masonry advanced by increase of membership. Rough material is presented, and unskilful workmen mark it; but it can never be wrought into that building which true Masons are endeavoring to erect. Numbers do not give property or character: worth does. I do not believe there is a dormant Chapter in Virginia, whose death was not caused by unfit officers, or bad character of prominent members. Purge the Chapters by true Masonic discipline, and give them good and qualified Companions for officers, and they will be more active than ever.

"Companions, we ought to raise a higher standard for the Royal Arch than is found in many Chapters—a higher qualification, and a closer scrutiny of applicants must be had. Every member's friend will not make a Royal Arch Mason, any more than the stone on every man's land will make good building material. If the applicant has not exhibited proper specimens of skill, and proper industry in his calling; if he has not clearly

laid a good foundation, and erected thereon a superstructure which will bear the plumb, square and level, you have no right to believe, or allow your charity even to permit you to suppose that he will be skilful, or even useful, in ornamenting those projections which give character to the building, and produce the strongest impression on the eye of the intelligent beholder. If each Craftsman, as he approaches the Sacred Symbol, to pronounce upon the character of the materials brought up for inspection, would bear in mind that no permanent structure can be erected without materials not fit for use, or truly cemented by the daub of untempered mortar; that it is not the number of stones in the building that makes it the beautiful temple, but their quality, the accuracy of their shape, their complete finish, their perfect unison in unity, and presenting one clear, decided character—that of honor, worth and intelligence, they would, with more caution, guard the avenues, and more closely inspect the materials presented, and more accurately apply the Square to the work which is intended for use. * * * *

"Masonry is not progressive, but the Mason is; he enters it an apprentice; by diligent study of its principles and practice of its precepts, he advances until he is made a Master; and if, on account of his superior skill and ability to teach and to govern, he is made a ruler in the Order, and then is faithful and true and successful in the execution of the work entrusted to him, he is exalted, and held in high honor by the brethren, and pointed out as one whose works have been approved, and whose example is worthy of imitation. He is not a perfect man, but he has progressed in true knowledge, in the control of his passions, in the subjection of his temper, and in the development of the higher and nobler principles of man, until he has come as near to the summit of human greatness as it is possible for him to be. And I believe it to be your solemn duty, by wise legislation, by strict supervision, and clear, decided and positive instructions, to make the name, Royal Arch, so exalted as a mark of honor, that the mightiest intellects and noblest of earth's potentates would regard it a privilege to be hailed by that name. * * *

"I cannot be wrong in my estimate of the high and exalted character of a Royal Arch Mason, for, on his entrance to the Chapter, he has the solemn declaration of its whole body, that he has faithfully and profitably travelled the symbolic road marked out by the compass and the square, and is to be exalted for his proficiency and his worth; and when this worthy Mason is found seeking more light, through a deeper insight into this mysterious science, to enter and be declared a R. A. Companion, I know the man must possess wisdom, and discretion, and elevated intelligence. * * * * And I earnestly exhort every Companion to be unflinching in his adherence to the moral principles of the Institution, and unwearied in his labors to promote the happiness, advance the honor, and uphold the interests and reputation of his Chapter, and of every worthy Companion of the Order." We would gladly extract more, but are compelled to stop.

M. E. Comp. Edward H. Lane was elected G. H. P., and R.E. Comp. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee thus end their report. They are conscious of many imperfections, but their intentions have been good. We have endeavored to place before you a brief *resume* of the progress of the Royal Art in other jurisdictions, to faithfully report their present *status*, and to cull therefrom the most interesting and instructive passages. The task has been by no means an easy one, for, among the utterances of so many Masters of the science, where all are so good, the chief difficulty has been to select. We have, however, derived a large amount of gratification from the perusal of these proceedings, for it is impossible to hold communion with so many choice spirits without feeling both the wiser and the better for it.

Your Committee rejoice in being able to state that, on the whole, peace and harmony prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that the Royal Art is everywhere in a flourishing condition, extending the blessings of Brotherly Love

and Charity over the waste and desolate places of the earth, and nobly striving to fulfill the end and aim of its existence—"The amelioration of the condition of mankind." So mote it be.

To our Companions in other jurisdictions we return our thanks for the many fraternal and kindly greetings with which we have been favored, and we hope for a continuance of the same pleasing interchange of sentiment and opinion.

Companions, our work is before you; we ask for it your charitable consideration.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman Com. Foreign Correspondence.

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
MONTREAL, AUGUST 11th, 1868.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. Peter Begg, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, and resolved—

That the report on Foreign Correspondence, just read, be received, and the same printed with the proceedings of this annual Convocation; and that the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to V.E.Comp. H. Robertson, the chairman, for the efficient manner in which the same has been prepared.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Convocation,

It was moved by R.E.Comp.A. A. Stevenson, seconded by E. Comp. B. Patterson,

That the Constitution be so amended, that the Grand Chapter shall hold its annual Convocation on the Monday preceding the annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in July.

A very animated discussion followed, and the subject of changing the time of meeting of Grand Chapter was fully considered in all its bearings.

In amendment,

It was moved by V. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, seconded by E. Comp. F. Mudge,

That the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be not held on the Monday preceding the annual Communication of Grand Lodge, but that it be held on the 2nd Wednesday in August.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken on the amendment, it was declared *lost*.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken on the original motion, it was declared *lost*.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson gave notice, that at the next annual Convocation, he will move to amend the Constitution, Art. 9, of Grand Chapter, by striking out the words, "Tuesday in August," and inserting the words, "Wednesday in September."

E. Comp. F. Mudge gave notice that at the next annual Convocation, he will move to amend the Constitution, Art. 9, of Grand Chapter, by striking out the word *Tuesday*, and inserting the word *Wednesday*.

The following notices of motions for the place of holding the next annual Convocation, were given, to come up for consideration on to-morrow:

R. E. Comp.	L. H. Henderson,	Kingston.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	Quebec.
" " "	James Seymour,	Toronto.
" " "	I. H. Stearns,	Waterloo.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year

was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared elected:

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington, re-elected,	Grand	Z.
R. " "	James Seymour,	"	H.
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	"	J.
" " "	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected,	Grand Scribe	E.
" "	Edward Willis,	" "	N.
V. " "	Henry Robertson,	"	Prin. Soj'r.
" " "	John V. Noel,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	Henry J. Pratten,	"	Registrar.
By an open vote of Grand Chapter,			
Comp.	Thomas Graham,	"	Janitor.

Nominated by the Chapters of the respective Masonic Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as Grand Superintendents:

V. E. Comp.	Thomas F. McMullin,	London District.	
R. " "	Chas. L. Beard, re-elected,	Wilson	"
" "	Thomas Winter,	Huron	"
" "	B. E. Charlton,	Hamilton	"
" "	Willliam McCabe,	Toronto & Ontario.	"
R. " "	H. W. Delany, re-elected,	P. Edward	"
V. " "	M. J. May,	Central	"
R. " "	Thos. Milton, re-elected,	Montreal	"
" "	W. A. Taylor,	E. Town'ps	"
" " "	Thos. Lambert, re-elected,	Quebec	"
" " "	Robert Marshall,	for New Brunswick.	

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to attend the banquet, at the Terrapin, tendered to Grand Chapter by the Companions of the Carnarvon and the Mount Horeb Chapters, and to meet on to-morrow, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11.30 o clock, A. M.

M.E.Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. A. Stevenson, as	" H.	
" " "	James Seymour,	" J.	

On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter to serve as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. E. Comp.	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	Quebec.
" " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	Kingston.
" " "	Henry A. Sims,	Ottawa.
" "	Frederick Mudge,	Brantford.

In accordance with notice previously given,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by V. E. Comp. George EnEarl,

That the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be held at the City of Kingston.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Seymour, seconded by E. Comp. Thomas Sargant,

That the next annual Convocation be held at the City of Toronto.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry J. Pratten,

That the next annual Convocation be held at the City of Quebec.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken, the City of Kingston was announced to have the majority of

votes, and was declared to be the place for holding the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the M. E. Grand Z.'s address:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the eloquent address delivered by the M. E. G. Z. at the opening of this Convocation, beg leave to report as follows:

They cordially join with the M. E. G. Z. in thankfully acknowledging the divine favors with which we have been blessed by the Most High, in permitting us again to assemble in loving Companionship, to work together for the good of our noble Institution. And while they deplore the loss of our gifted and zealous Companions, called to another and a better world, they hope to be finally re-united with them in peace that shall be everlasting.

Your Committee rejoice that harmony continues to prevail throughout our borders, and that the M. E.G. Z. is able to report no material differences arising in the subordinate Chapters.

With regard to the new Chapters to whom Dispensations have been granted, your Committee would extend to them a cordial welcome, and they unite with the M. E. G. Z. in hoping that upon their records being examined, they may be found qualified to receive Warrants from this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee recommend that the action of the M. E.G. Z. regarding Prevost Chapter be sustained.

As the reports from the various Grand Superintendents form an important element in the history of the progress and present standing of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, your Committee are glad to perceive that the anticipations of the M.E.G.Z. have been so fully realized at the present Convocation —all the District Superintendents save one having reported.

The books and accounts, your Committee are glad to find in

that desirable condition always observed by the G. S. E. His ability and energy are conspicuous in all our transactions, and we fully appreciate the satisfaction derivable from the fact that the arrearages referred to have been extinguished.

Your Committee feel satisfied that the report on Foreign Correspondence which has been received will prove to the Grand Chapter that the subject has been treated in a most satisfactory manner by the worthy Chairman of that Committee, and we are certain that with the many and excellent reports already received from R. E. Comp. Seymour—whose ill health we regret equally with you—this one will form a very important addition to its interesting and instructive predecessors. We cheerfully re-echo your sentiments of gratitude towards R. E. Comp. Seymour, and are of the opinion that the thanks tendered by you on behalf of the Grand Chapter meet with the full approval of its members, who even think that some more tangible reward should sweeten the labor of love so cheerfully performed by him during the many years he held the responsible post of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee sincerely sympathize with the Grand Chapter of England in the great loss they have sustained in the death of E. Comp. William Gray Clarke, G. S. E., and they recommend that the M. E. G. Z. be requested to direct that a letter of condolence be written to the Grand Chapter of England upon his lamented decease.

The action of the M. E. G. Z. regarding our relations with the Companions in the Lower Provinces meets with our hearty approval, and we congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the able manner in which this business has so far been conducted by the M. E. G. Z. They feel that this delicate matter could not be left in safer hands. They have great pleasure in recommending that the Grand Chapter do sanction and sustain the action of the M. E. G. Z., and that the issue of a Warrant to New Brunswick Chapter be confirmed.

As the subject of a change in the time of meeting of Grand Chapter has already been discussed, and as it will probably be

again brought up at the next Convocation, your Committee would defer comment for the present.

Your Committee heartily re-echo the remarks of the M. E. G. Z. regarding the outrages committed by a misguided body of men under the pretence of redressing wrongs. These proceedings cannot be characterized but by the strongest terms, and while we deplore the loss of one of our ablest men by such a foul murder, we cannot but rejoice that the attempt on the life of a son of our beloved Sovereign providentially failed.

Your Committee would, in conclusion, give expression to the unanimous feeling of this Grand Chapter, that our hearty thanks are due to the M. E. G. Z. for his continued exertions and devotion to our interests, and to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada. To him we are greatly indebted for our success in the past, and our present prosperity. We join with him in the prayer that the Great Giver of all Good would bless and prosper our Queen and country, and foster and cherish our beloved Order, and increase our means of doing good in our day and generation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
For the Ex. Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM, August 12th 1868.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, and resolved—

That the foregoing report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be recieved and adopted.

R. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report, on

FINANCE AND AUDIT.

To the Most Excellent Council:

The Executive Committee has examined the various books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct. The finances of Grand Chapter are now in a better condition than they have been heretofore. The long-standing balance due to Grand Scribe E. has been entirely liquidated, and, after making the payments hereinafter recommended, Grand Chapter may be considered in a most satisfactory condition.

The amount due by St. Andrew's Chapter, of Toronto, has now been so long standing that your Committee would recommend that decisive action be taken by Grand Chapter at this Convocation, with reference to this matter, and the further continuance of the Chapter on our register.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows a balance in hand of $552.87, from which your Committee recommends the payment of the following accounts, which have been examined and found correct:

Grand Scribe E. salary to August, 1868	$300 00
" " " Expenses attending Convocation at Ottawa	31 55
" " " Incidental expenses	25 15
T. & R. White, for printing	13 50
J. T. Rolph, for certificates	60 00
	$430 20
Leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands of	$122 67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. SIMS,
Chairman Sub. Committee on Finance.

MONTREAL, 11th August, 1868.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. J. Pratten, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee, on Finance and Audit, be received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. proceeded with the installation and investiture of the new elected officers for the ensuing year, who were proclaimed and saluted with the usual Masonic honors:

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington, Ottawa,	Grand Z.
R. " "	James Seymour, St. Catharines,	" H.
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns, Lennoxville,	" J.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	Edward Willis, St. John, N. B.,	" " N.
" " "	Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	" Prin. Soj'r.
" " "	John V. Noël, Kingston,	" Treasurer.
" " "	Henry J. Pratten, Quebec,	" Registrar.
"	Thomas Graham, Kingston,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. F. McMullen, London,	London	District.
" " "	Charles L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson	"
" " "	Thomas Winter, Stratford,	Huron	"
" " "	B. E. Charlton, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	William McCabe, Oshawa,	Toronto & Ontario	"
" " "	H. W. Delany, Trenton,	Prince Ed'd	"
" " "	M. J. May, Ottawa,	Central	"
" " "	Thomas Milton, Montreal,	Montreal,	"
" " "	W. A. Taylor, Waterloo,	E. Towns'ps	"
" " "	Thomas Lambert, Quebec,	Quebec	"
" " "	Robert Marshall, St. John,	New Brunswick.	

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments, viz:

V. E. Comp.	George EnEarl, Prescott,	Grand 1st Asst. Soj'r.
" " "	W. G. Parmelee, Waterloo,	" 2nd " "
" " "	William Johnson, Montreal,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	" Standard "
" " "	E. P. Remon, Ottawa,	" Dir. of Cer's.

V. E. Comp. Peter Begg, Madoc,		Grand Organist.
" " " S. H. Blondheim, Kingston,		" Pursuivant.
" " " F. C. Bruce, Hamilton,		" Stewards.
" " " B. Patterson, Bowmanville,		
" " " C. Staveley, Quebec,		
" " " John Taylor, Belleville,		

The M. E. Grand Z. directs that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

R.E.Comp. John S. Bowen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Executive Committee has had laid before it reports from the following, to wit: those of

R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn,	London	District.
" " " Charles L. Beard,	Wilson	"
" " " J. W. Murton,	Hamilton	"
" " " James Adams,	Toronto	"
" " " H. W. Delany,	Prince Edw'd	"
" " " A. S. Kirkpatrick,	Central	"
" " " Thomas Milton,	Montreal	"
" " " H. L. Robinson,	E. Townships	"
" " " Robert Marshall,	New Brunswick.	

Your Committee, having duly considered said reports, they must congratulate Grand Chapter on the flourishing condition of Capitular Masonry in the several jurisdictions, as shown by the same.

Inasmuch as Grand Chapter has taken action on the subject of changing its date of meeting, your Committee think it unnecessary to make any comments on R. E. Comp. Kahn's recommendations respecting the same.

Your Committee have considered the report of the Grand Supt. of the Toronto District with regard to St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4, and regret to be obliged to recommend that the M. E. Grand Z. should at once require the surrender of the said Warrant.

Your Committee hail with pleasure the receipt of a most elaborate and instructive report from the Grand Superintendent of the New Brunswick District, in which the subject of uniformity of working is commented on. Your Committee would therefore suggest that no action be taken on the exemplification of work until more of the Chapters in the maritime section of the Dominion come under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee notice with regret that there is no report from the Quebec District, and as there is only one Chapter in that district, the duties cannot be so arduous as to prevent reports being duly sent in; and they therefore think that the provision of the Constitution, calling for such reports should be punctually complied with—in fact, enforced.

Your Committee would recommend that only those Companions who would be likely to devote the requisite time to the duties, should be nominated and appointed to the offices of Grand Superintendents.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MILTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Masonry, be received and adopted.

It was moved by E. Comp. Alex. Servos, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and unanimously resolved—

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby most heartily tendered, to the Companions of the Carnarvon and the Mount Horeb Chapters, of Montreal, for the very handsome manner in which they have entertained the Grand Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Convocation.

It was moved by E. Comp. Lucius S. Oille, seconded by E. Comp. Alex. Servos, and resolved—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be hereby authorized to defray any incidental expenses incurred in connection with this annual Convocation, as also for the printing of the minutes of proceedings of the annual Convocation, as soon as the same shall have been completed.

R.E.Comp. John S. Bowen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

FINANCE.

Your Committee taking into consideration the reference made in the report on the M. E. 1st Grand Principal's Address, respecting remuneration for services rendered in compiling the annual reports on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to recommend that the sum of forty dollars be granted to R. E. Comp. Seymour, for past services ; and that the sum of twenty dollars be granted to V. E. Comp. Robertson for his report submitted at the present annual Convocation.

Respectfully submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,
Chairman Ex. Com.

It was moved by R.E.Comp. Henry A. Sims, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry J. Pratten, and resolved—

That the report on Finance, just read, be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report,

ON WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent Council :

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have considered the applications for Warrants from the two Chapters at present working under dispensation from the M.E.G.Z., viz :

Prince Edward Chapter, at Picton, and Waterloo Chapter, at Galt.

They have examined the books and papers of said Chapters and find them correct.

Your Committee therefore recommend that Warrants be issued to said Chapters.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,
Chairman Ex. Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by E. Comp. Lucius S. Oille, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

The labor of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in Ample form, with solemn prayer, at 12.45 o'clock, P.M.

ATTEST.

G. S. E.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D. 1868.

No. 1—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1795.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb'y, May, Aug't, and Nov'r.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. D. Fowler,	Z
" "	Geo. M. Wilkinson,	H
" "	W. P. Phillips,	J
" "	Daniel McCartney,	Scribe E

Number of members.....43

No. 2—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	William Reid,	Z
" " "	F. C. Bruce,	H
" "	William Edgar,	J
"	Alfred J. Nuthall,	Scribe E

Number of members.....41

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.		Z	No Returns since 1863. Not work'g.
" "		H	
" "		J	
"	James Bain,	Scribe N	

Number of members.....00

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	T. F. McMullen,	Z
" "	E. B. Griswold,	H
" "	H. Waterman,	J
"	H. A. Baxter,	Scribe E

Number of Members 54

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.
ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Benj. E. Charlton,	Z
" "	Ed. Mitchell,	H
" "	Hugh A. Mackay,	J
"	Richard Brierley,	Scribe E

Number of Members 86

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.
ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	A. A. Campbell,	Z
" "	Alfred Ellis,	H
" "	William Doctor,	J
"	Geo. D. Dickson,	Scribe E

Number of Members 74

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.
ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1857.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Thomas Sargant,	Z
" "	David McLellan,	H
" "	Charles G. Fortier,	J
" "	Emmanuel Hollingsbrook,	Scribe E

Number of Members 58

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. H. J. Martin,		Z
" " E. B. Gustin,		H
" " Daniel Thomas,		J
" C. S. Chennell,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 55

No. 10.—NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

ESTABLISHED, A. D., 1858—AFFILIATED, A. D., 1868.

Stated Meetings—second Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. D. R. Munro,	Z
" "	H
" "	J

Number of Members 103

NO. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A. D., 1850—AFFILIATED, A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Henry Dumble,		Z
V. " " S. H. Blondheim,		H
" " Robert Hendry, Jun.		J
" R. C. Benedict,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 23

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEREC.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1854—AFFILIATED, A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Henry J. Pratten,		Z
" " Christopher Staveley,		H
" " Henry Smeaton,		J
" Wm. Couper,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 57

No. 14.—PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	W. A. Taylor,	Z
" "	Edson Kemp,	H
" "	James Oliver,	J
"	A. D. Stevens,	Scribe E

Number of Members 10

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William M. Jamieson,	Z
" "	T. Blair Pardee,	H
" "	W. P. Vidal,	J
"	John A. Mackenzie,	Scribe E

Number of Members 25

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859..

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	M. J. May,	Z
V. " "	E. P. Remon,	H
" "	J. G. Gemmell,	J
"	William Hay,	Scribe E

Number of Members 57

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday in every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	W. G. Parmelee,	Z
" "	Geo. H. Allen,	H
" "	John Erskine,	J
"	F. E. Fourdreiner,	Scribe E

Number of Members 49

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles L. Beard,	Z
" "	John Paterson,	H
" "	John Chalmers,	J
"	Robert Stark,	Scribe E

Number of Members 43

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Lucius S. Oille,	Z
" "	Alex. Servos,	H
" "	David Robeson,	J
"	James McEdward,	Scribe E

Number of Members 71

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John W. Lethbridge,	Z
" "	F. Mudge,	H
" "	Humphrey Davis,	J
"	J. B. Meacham,	Scribe E

Number of Members 28

No. 21.—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Isaac H. Stearns,	Z
" "	Arthur R. Sowdon,	H
" "	F. M. Sowdon,	J
"	W. M. Somerville,	Scribe E

Number of Members 48

No. 22.—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July, and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	George EnEarl,	Z
" "	Richey Waugh,	H
" "	Mathew Dowsley,	J
"	Rev. E. W. Beaven,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....33

No. 23.—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Clark,	Z
" " "	John Wilson,	H
" "	D. M. Walker,	J
"	A. J. Donly,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....23

No. 24.—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFIEERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Winter,	Z
" "	Wm. Buckingham,	H
" "	James A. McCulloch,	J
"	Alex. Matheson,	Scribe E

Number of Members 54

No. 25.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1864.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Milton,	Z
V. " "	Wm. Johnson,	H
"	R. Handsley,	J
"	Alfred Picault	Scribe E

Number of Members 44

No. 26.—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1865.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. Peter Begg,	Z
" "	H
" "	J
" David Roblin,	Scribe E

Number of Members 27

No. 27.—MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. John Nettleton,	Z
R. " " Henry Robertson,	H
" " E. R. Carpenter,	J
" Adam Dudgeon,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....34

No. 28—PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1795.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. Silas B. Fairbanks,	Z
" " Bradford Paterson,	H
" "	J
"	Scribe E

Number of Members.....11

No. 29.—McCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1866.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. Arr Brownson,	Z
" " Jabez Amsden,	H
" " John Parry,	J
" William Braund,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....16

No. 30.—HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1867.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Isaac F. Toms,	Z
" "	James Somerville,	H
" "	George Jessup,	J
"	Samuel H. Detlor,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....21

No. 31.—PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1868.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	Z
" "	David Lennox,	H
" "	David Denoon,	J
"		Scribe E

Number of members.....10

No. 32.—WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1868.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or before full moon in Feb., May, September and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	A. T. H. Ball,	Z
" "	Otto Klotz,	H
" "	John Davidson,	J
"	G. H. Patterson,	Scribe E

Number of Members 10

SUSPENSIONS.

Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Comps. James Salmons,
Benj. C. Davy,
Edward Strong.

Comps. John Boyes,
James A. Wilson,

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.

Comps. Malcolm Cameron,
J. R. Holden,
E. Henwood,
J. T. Lilly,
William Muir,
J. B. Mathews,

Comps. J. McKeown,
S. G. Patton,
C. A. Sadleir,
H. M. Melville,
William Irwin.

Cataraqui Chapter, No. 12, Kingston.

Comps. Hanibal Mulkins
William Sommerville.

Comps. Robert Tracey,
Alexander M. Brown.

Stadacona Chapter, No. 13, Quebec.

Comps. D. N. Allan,
John Brodie,
George C. Davie,
Alex. Duncan,
Ed. Gingras,
Samuel Guy,
Joseph Horton,
Samuel Laprise,
J. P. M. LeCourt,
Donald McLean.

Comps. W. H. Michand,
Andrew Peebles,
Giac Reanarie,
R. W. Steel,
Wm. Sweetman,
Pierre Girard,
D. G. Jones.
And. Mulholland,
Bro. A. Begley.

UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Bro. T. Courtney.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, *Ottawa.*

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Comps. John Morris,
John Sumner,

Comps. George B. Pelham,
Charles Esplin.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, *Prescott.*

NON-AAYMENT OF DUES.

Comp. John Ormiston,

Comp. Horatio Holden.

RESTORATIONS.

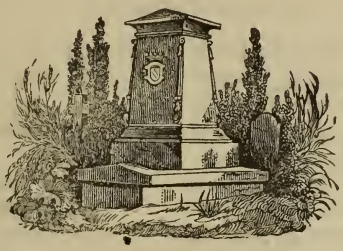
Stadacona Chapter, No. 13, *Quebec.*

Comps. Theop. Gosselin,
George Smith,
Thomas Hagan,
J. Gonde,
Patrick Loughram.

Comps. Thomas Lambkin,
Thomas C. Knowles,
Richard Greer,
Robert Hunter.

The above Companions were placed under the list of *Suspensions*, in the proceedings of 1867—see page 129—through an *error*, the Companions having been returned as *resigned.*

AT REST.



Comp. GILBERT TICE BASTEDO,
THE HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, Hamilton.

E. Comp. STEDMAN B. CAMPBELL, 8th Jan., 1868.
" Hon. ROBERT SPENCE, 28th Feb., 1868.
KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, Toronto.

Comp. WILLIAM PEARD, 25th Oct., 1867.
" JAMES MURPHY, drowned, 12th Dec., 1867.
STADACONA CHAPTER, No. 13, Quebec.

E. Comp. GEORGE FORBES, 11th Oct., 1867.
OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, Woodstock.

Comp. ALEXANDER H. MONTGOMERY, Aug., 1867.
Bro. JONATHAN CARTER, 30th April, 1867.
TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, Stratford

Bro. EDWARD THOMPSON, 26th March, 1868.
MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 25, Montreal.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,

1868–9.

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand	Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	James Seymour,	"	H.	Grand Council.
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	"	J.	Grand Council.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.	
" " "	Edward Willis,	"	" N.	
" " "	Henry Robertson,	"	Principal Sojourner.	
" " "	John V. Noel,	"	Treasurer.	
" " "	Henry J. Pratten,	"	Registrar.	
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